

# HONOURS BSOCSC ECONOMICS

Ever wonder why some countries are richer than others? Ever question why income inequality has been growing? Ever wonder why Canadian politicians worry when other countries may be going bankrupt? Economics can answer all these questions.

Economics examines how individuals and society make choices in a world where resources are limited. It focuses on the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Two important themes are efficiency (the absence of waste in the use of resources) and fairness. Since making choices is central to all human activities, studying economics often helps explain why people and governments behave in certain ways.

This program is offered in English and in French.

## Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendars (<https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

### Basic skills

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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| ENG 1100      | Workshop in Essay Writing                     | 3 Units        |
| ENG 1120      | Selected Topics in Literature and Composition | 3 Units        |
| <b>Total:</b> |                                               | <b>6 Units</b> |

### Compulsory courses

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| ECO 1102 | Introduction to Macroeconomics                         | 3 Units |
| ECO 1104 | Introduction to Microeconomics                         | 3 Units |
| MAT 1302 | Mathematical Methods II                                | 3 Units |
| ECO 2142 | Macroeconomic Theory I                                 | 3 Units |
| ECO 2143 | Macroeconomic Theory II                                | 3 Units |
| ECO 2144 | Microeconomic Theory I                                 | 3 Units |
| ECO 2145 | Microeconomic Theory II                                | 3 Units |
| ECO 2150 | Probability and Statistics for Economists <sup>2</sup> | 3 Units |
| ECO 2151 | Introduction to Econometrics <sup>2</sup>              | 3 Units |
| ECO 3145 | Mathematical Economics I                               | 3 Units |
| ECO 3152 | Macroeconomic Theory III                               | 3 Units |
| ECO 3153 | Microeconomic Theory III                               | 3 Units |

### Optional courses

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| 3 course units from:                                                 |                                     | 3 Units  |
| MAT 1300                                                             | Mathematical Methods I <sup>1</sup> |          |
| MAT 1308                                                             | Introduction to Calculus            |          |
| 18 optional course units in economics (ECO)                          |                                     | 18 Units |
| 3 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 3000 or 4000 level |                                     | 3 Units  |

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| 6 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 4000 level | 6 Units |
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**Total:** **66 Units**

### Elective courses

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| 48 elective course units<br>or 18 elective course units plus a minor | 48 Units |
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**Total:** **48 Units**

### Note(s)

1

Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in economics should select MAT 1300 or the sequence MAT 1320 and MAT 1322. A strong background in mathematics helps students succeed in advanced courses and graduate studies in economics.

2

Students who intend to participate in the CO-OP program should take ECO 2150 and ECO 2151 in their second year.