

# MAJOR IN 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

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

Co-operative education is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

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

### Compulsory courses

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

### Optional courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
MAT 1300 Mathematical Methods I <sup>1</sup>	
MAT 1308 Introduction to Calculus	
6 optional course units in economics (ECO) at the 3000 or 4000 level <sup>3</sup>	6 Units
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**Total:** **42 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.

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ECO 3145, ECO 3152, ECO 3153 are strongly recommended for studies in the Master's in Economics.