

HONOURS BSOCSC ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Public policy decisions shape daily life and well-being. Many essential services, such as health care and education, are provided by the public sector. Using their regulatory powers, governments establish the framework for competition between firms and they protect the environment. In return for public services, individuals and firms must pay taxes. This interdisciplinary program, which draws on the tools of economic analysis, gives students a better understanding of the challenges linked to public-sector economics (federal, provincial, municipal). Domains of application include the labour market, health care, education, environment and taxation.

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 (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units

Total: **6 Units**

Compulsory courses

ECO 1102	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3 Units
ECO 1104	Introduction to Microeconomics	3 Units
MAT 1302	Mathematical Methods II	3 Units
PAP 1301	Introduction to Public Administration	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 ²	3 Units
ECO 2151	Introduction to Econometrics ²	3 Units
PAP 2300	Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	3 Units
POL 2101	Introduction to Canadian Politics	3 Units
PAP 3350	Sectoral Issues in Public Policy	3 Units

Optional courses

3 course units from:	3 Units
MAT 1300 Mathematical Methods I ¹	
MAT 1308 Introduction to Calculus	
3 course units from:	3 Units
SOC 3101 Sociology of Ethics	
SOC 3308 Sociology of Work	
6 course units from:	6 Units

ECO 2110	Microeconomic Analysis of the Public Sector	
ECO 2147	Analysis of Economic and Social Data	
ECO 3149	Cost-Benefit Analysis	
ECO 4121	Public Economics	
6 course units from:		6 Units
ECO 2111	Economics of Women's Issues	
ECO 2114	Introduction to Labour and Population Economics	
ECO 2118	Introduction to Environmental and Natural Resources Economics	
12 course units from:		12 Units
ECO 3123	International Finance	
ECO 3125	Introduction to Health Economics	
ECO 3139	Industrial Organization I	
ECO 3148	Introduction to Regional and Urban Economics	
ECO 3149	Cost-Benefit Analysis	
ECO 4111	International Trade	
ECO 4115	Monetary Theory	
ECO 4116	Labour Economics	
ECO 4121	Public Economics	
ECO 4128	Issues in Indigenous Economics	
ECO 4136	Research Seminar in Economics of the Environment	
ECO 4139	Industrial Organization II	
ECO 4150	Directed Research Project	
ECO 4190	Health Economics	
ECO 4192	Research Seminar in Economics of Natural Resources and Sustainability	
ECO 4193	Economics of Conflict	
ECO 4195	The Art and Science of Monetary Policy-Making in Canada	
6 optional course units in public administration (PAP) at the 3000 or 4000 level from the list of optional courses		6 Units
Total:		75 Units

Elective courses

39 elective course units ³	39 Units
or 9 elective course units plus a minor	
Total:	39 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.

3

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

List of Optional Courses

PAP 3310	Research Methods in Public Administration	3 Units
PAP 3325	Gender and Public Policy	3 Units
PAP 3340	Human Resources in Public Organizations	3 Units
PAP 3345	Governance and the Nonprofit Sector	3 Units
PAP 3355	Budgetary Policy and Public Finance	3 Units
PAP 3360	Managing Difference	3 Units
PAP 3365	Law and Public Administration	3 Units
PAP 3370	Theory of Public Organisations	3 Units
PAP 4310	Principles, Processes and Methods of Evaluation	3 Units
PAP 4315	Public Policy Analysis	3 Units
PAP 4320	Negotiation, Collaboration and Private-Public Partnerships	3 Units
PAP 4330	Administrative Reforms	3 Units
PAP 4340	Selected Topic in Public Policy	3 Units
PAP 4350	Project Management in the Public Sector	3 Units
PAP 4355	Ethics and Public Affairs	3 Units