HONOURS BSOCSC IN 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.

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ENG 1100    Workshop in Essay Writing 3 Units
3 course units from: 3 Units
  ENG 1120    Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction
  ENG 1121    Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry
ECO 1102    Introduction to Macroeconomics 3 Units
ECO 1104    Introduction to Microeconomics 3 Units
3 course units from: 3 Units
  MAT 1300    Mathematical Methods I
  MAT 1308    Introduction to Calculus

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
PAP 2300    Introduction to Public Policy Analysis 3 Units
POL 2101    Introduction to Canadian Politics 3 Units
ECO 3150    Probability and Statistics for Economists 3 Units
ECO 3151    Introduction to Econometrics 3 Units
PAP 3350    Sectoral Issues in Public Policy 3 Units
3 course units from: 3 Units
  SOC 3101    Sociology of Ethics
  SOC 3308    Sociology of Work and Organizations
6 course units from: 6 Units
  ECO 2110    Microeconomic Analysis of the Public Sector
  ECO 2147    Analysis of Economic and Social Data
  ECO 3149    Application of Cost-Benefit Analysis to Public Projects
  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
  ECO 2123    Introduction to Health Economics
12 course units from: 12 Units
  ECO 3139    Industrial Organization I
  ECO 3148    Introduction to Regional and Urban Economics
  ECO 4116    Labour Economics
  ECO 4121    Public Economics
  ECO 4136    Research Seminar in Economics of the Environment
  ECO 4139    Industrial Organization II
  ECO 4190    Health Economics
6 optional course units in public administration (PAP) at the 3000 or 4000 level from the list of optional courses 6 Units
42 elective course units 42 Units
or 12 elective course units plus a minor

Note(s)

1 Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in economics should select MAT 1300 or the sequence MAT 1320 and MAT 1325 (this last course can be replaced by 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 3150 and ECO 3151 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