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.

ENG 1100 Workshop in Essay Writing 3 Units
3 course units from:
- ENG 1120 Literature and Composition I: Prose Fiction 3 Units
- ENG 1121 Literature and Composition II: Drama and Poetry 3 Units
ECO 1102 Introduction to Macroeconomics 3 Units
ECO 1104 Introduction to Microeconomics 3 Units
3 course units from:
- MAT 1300 Mathematical Methods I 3 Units
- MAT 1308 Introduction to Calculus 3 Units
MAT 1302 Mathematical Methods 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:
- SOC 3101 Sociology of Ethics 3 Units
- SOC 3308 Sociology of Work and Organizations 3 Units
6 course units from:
- ECO 2110 Microeconomic Analysis of the Public Sector 6 Units
- ECO 2147 Analysis of Economic and Social Data 6 Units
- ECO 3149 Application of Cost-Benefit Analysis to Public Projects 6 Units
ECO 4121 Public Economics 6 Units
ECO 4114 Introduction to Labour and Population Economics 6 Units
ECO 4118 Introduction to Environmental and Natural Resources Economics 6 Units
ECO 4123 Introduction to Health Economics 6 Units

12 course units from:
- ECO 3139 Industrial Organization I 12 Units
- ECO 3148 Introduction to Regional and Urban Economics 12 Units
- ECO 4116 Labour Economics 12 Units
- ECO 4121 Public Economics 12 Units
- ECO 4136 Research Seminar in Economics of the Environment 12 Units
- ECO 4139 Industrial Organization II 12 Units
- ECO 4190 Health Economics 12 Units

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 12 Units

Total: 120 Units

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