

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.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/economics/undergraduate/economics-public-policy-program/>)

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