

ECONOMICS HONOURS (B.A.) (42 CREDITS)

Offered by: Economics (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Program credit weight: 42

Program Description

The Honours Economics program (B.A. and B.Com.) consists of 30 specified credits of Honours courses and a further 12 credits of approved Economics courses.

Continuation in the Honours program from one year to the next requires a minimum grade of B- in ECON 250D1 Introduction to Economic Theory: Honours./ECON 250D2 Introduction to Economic Theory: Honours. and a minimum B- average in required and complementary Honours economics courses. Students failing to meet these requirements must switch out of the Honours program. If they continue to register in Honours, they will not be allowed to graduate with Honours. Note that graduation with Honours has more stringent requirements (see below) than these.

To be awarded an Honours degree, a student must obtain a 3.00 GPA in the required/core courses, a 3.00 average in the required and complementary credits in Economics, and a CGPA of 3.00. For a First Class Honours degree, the minimum requirements are a 3.50 program GPA in the required courses, a 3.50 average in the required and complementary credits in Economics, and a CGPA of 3.50. Students also have to meet the requirements of the Faculty of Arts for Honours and First Class Honours. In cases where a student takes a Supplemental Exam in a course, both the original and the Supplemental Exam grades will be counted in the calculation of the GPA and CGPA averages.

All Honours students are required to see an Honours advisor and also consult the Honours and Joint Honours programs available on the Department's website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/economics/undergraduates/honours>. For the current list of advisers in Economics and their advising times, see the Department of Economics' website.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

Program Prerequisites (0-10 credits)

For entering this program:

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Course	Title	Credits
MATH 133	Linear Algebra and Geometry. ¹	3
MATH 140	Calculus 1. ²	3
MATH 141	Calculus 2. ²	4

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² Or equivalent (to be completed prior to U2)

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Required (core) Courses (30 credits)

Please refer to the Department's document "Rules on Stats Courses for Economics Students" available at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/economics/undergraduates/courses/>. Students who have taken equivalent statistics course may be waived the ECON 257D1/ECON 257D2 requirement. These students will normally be required to take ECON 469 in addition to ECON 468.

Normally, ECON 250D1/ECON 250D2 is taken in the U1 year, ECON 353 and ECON 354 are taken in U2, and ECON 450 and ECON 452 are taken in U3. ECON 257D1/ECON 257D2 can be taken in U1 or U2; and ECON 468 can be taken in U2 or U3.

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 250D1	Introduction to Economic Theory: Honours.	3
ECON 250D2	Introduction to Economic Theory: Honours.	3
ECON 257D1	Economic Statistics - Honours.	3
ECON 257D2	Economic Statistics - Honours.	3
ECON 353	Macroeconomics - Honours 1.	3
ECON 354	Macroeconomics - Honours 2.	3
ECON 450	Advanced Economic Theory 1 - Honours.	3
ECON 452	Advanced Economic Theory 2 - Honours.	3
ECON 468	Econometrics 1 - Honours.	3

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 460	History of Thought 1 - Honours.	3
ECON 461	History of Thought 2 - Honours.	3
ECON 469	Econometrics 2 - Honours.	3

Complementary Courses (12 credits)

Complementary courses are usually taken in U2 or U3.

12 credits of Economics courses at the 300, 400, or 500 level, approved by an Honours adviser. Unless explicitly approved by the Honours adviser, at least 9 of the 12 credits have to be at the 400 or 500 level. Note that Honours students are not permitted to register for majors or general Economics courses where an Honours or a more advanced undergraduate course in the same subject is offered.