

International Economics & Finance

Bachelor of Arts

Full-time, 4 years

Mandatory internship/co-op

**Ryerson
University**

Economics
Faculty of Arts



Where inspiration meets impact

About the Program

With the rapid expansion in international trade and cross-border investment flows, businesses throughout the world are being forced to meet foreign competition with improved products and streamlined production methods, in markets at home as well as abroad. These trends have produced rewarding new career opportunities for graduates who possess a solid understanding of the global economy and have the skills required to evaluate and manage risk in a global setting. These careers require not just a practical grasp of economic theory, but also a capacity to access relevant data sources and judge their reliability, model economic relationships, and provide forecasts of key economic variables. You gain specialized training in the economics field including:

- Analytical proficiency in **economic theory, statistical techniques** (including **forecasting**), and **finance** (in areas such as **financial modelling** and **derivative securities**)
- Knowledge of **international agreements and organizations** (e.g. NAFTA, WTO, the IMF), basic business practices (**managerial finance** and **investment analysis**), and a range of historical, political and cultural issues (through core courses in subjects such as **evolution of global economy, applied economic analysis**, and **International Monetary Economics**)
- Strong **communications** and **quantitative skills** with a series of oral reports, written essays, case studies and computer simulations throughout the four year of study.

Program Highlights

Economics runs a very successful International Economics and Finance **Internship/Co-op Program**. As a **mandatory** degree requirement, 100% of our students acquire applied experience in their field before graduation. The placements offer insight into their subject and career potential, and early access to professional experience along with a degree credit.

Internships vary in length from **10 weeks** to **16 months** and are completed after the third year of study. Students have secured positions at the top financial institutions, consulates, insurance companies, hedge funds and government agencies and ministries. Most recent co-op placements include **Ontario Ministry of Finance, Ontario Ministry of Education, TD Asset Management, Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets, BMO, State Street, Toronto Board of Trade, Statistics Canada, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, CANATICS** and many more.

Program Structure

The BA in International Economics and Finance program requires the completion of 40 one-credit courses and an internship. Students take required courses in **economic theory (6)**, **quantitative methods (7)**, **finance (4)**, **international economics (3)**, **applied economics (2)** and **liberal studies (6)**. Students take courses in critical thinking and academic writing and they can take up to 10 elective courses. The course requirements should be completed in 4 years. The BA program is available on a full-time basis only.

Typical First Year

| Semester 1 - FALL | Semester 2 - WINTER |
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| Critical Thinking I - SSH 105 | Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205 |
| Basic Mathematics for Economics - ECN 109 | Intro to Mathematics for Economics - ECN 189 |
| Principles of Microeconomics - ECN 101 | Principles of Macroeconomics - ECN 201 |
| In addition to that you must choose 4 Electives (2 each semester) for your first year. | |

Careers

In 2018, 85% of our graduates were already employed at the time of graduation with the remaining 15% having received admission offers from top graduate schools.

Upon graduation, students will be ready to take on challenging positions in capital markets, consulting, global finance, or the public sector. Graduates of the program can also further their education through graduate studies such as an **MA in Economics, Data Science, Finance**, or an **MBA**.

Career Paths include:

- Information Officer
- Economist
- Crime Data Analyst
- Corporate Banking Associate
- Financial Analyst
- Pension Services Analyst
- Sales Tax Policy/Data Analyst
- Derivatives Analyst
- Business Analyst, IT Risk
- Investment Specialist
- Data Engineer

and more...

How to Apply

Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- English/Anglais (ENG4U / EAE4U preferred).
- Mathematics [one of: Advanced Functions (MHF4U), Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U), or Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U)].
- Grade 12 U Advanced Functions (MHF4U) or Grade 12 U Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U) are the preferred Mathematics courses.
- The minimum grade(s) required in the subject prerequisites (normally in the 65-70% range) will be determined subject to competition.

International Economics and Finance welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/international-economics-finance

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I chose this program because it allows students to study both economics and finance. It also offers an internship, which opens the door for me to explore different career paths, gain practical experience and make those important connections. The program also has amazing professors that care deeply about a student's success."

– Alejandro Reid, Economics Student,
completing an 8-month internship at AYAL Capital Advisors