

# FINANCIAL ECONOMICS



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## Why Choose Our Financial Economics Program?

Are you passionate about understanding how financial markets work and how economic policies impact businesses, governments, and individuals? Do you want to gain deep insights into economic theory while learning practical financial strategies? If so, the Financial Economics Program at King's is your pathway to a dynamic and rewarding career in finance or economics, and beyond.

Our program combines rigorous economics training with specialized financial knowledge, ensuring you develop the skills needed to excel in both academic research and real-world financial decision-making. A BA in Financial Economics can lead to a very lucrative career. Financial Economics graduates regularly out-earn graduates from STEM and other business programs.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. Develop your Research Skills:

You have the unique opportunity to complete an undergraduate thesis based on an original research project guided by one of your faculty. The research skills developed throughout our Financial Economics program open career pathways in banking, finance, and consulting. Many of our graduates are working at top banks, private equity companies, hedge funds, and consulting companies in Canada and around the world.

These same research skills have also provided career paths as public policy analysts. Many of our graduates are working as public servants in critical policy areas (Department of Finance, Bank of Canada, Office of the Privy Council, Competition Bureau) at United Nations organizations (IMF, World Bank) and at other international agencies (OECD).

### 2. Gain Proficiency in Cutting-Edge Tools:

Graduates from our Financial Economics program graduate with a robust set of technical skills that are in high demand across industries. Our students are proficient in the tools most essential for modern financial, economic, and business analysis, including:

- Excel
- VBA (Visual Basic for Applications)
- Python
- STATA
- R

These cutting-edge tools will help you to optimize, simulate, and analyze complex economic models, ensuring you're ready to excel in both private and public sectors.

### 3. Be One Step Closer to a Professional Designation:

Our Financial Economics program is affiliated with the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) designation – a globally recognized professional designation in the finance world. Affiliation with the CFA means our Finance streams embed at least 70% of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) into our curriculum, including the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct. Only King's and Ivey within the Western eco-system have this affiliation.

### 4. Learn from our Expert Faculty:

At King's, we take pride in offering an exceptional learning experience led by a distinguished team of faculty members who bring academic excellence to the classroom. Our economics professors are more than just educators – they are industry professionals, economists, and researchers who are committed to helping you succeed.





## 5. Be Prepared for a Graduate Program Pathway:

Our Honors Financial Economics program prepares our students for research-intensive graduate programs. The most common graduate school pathway for our graduates is a Masters and Ph.D. program in Financial Economics. Our students are known to receive large scholarships and teaching assistantships that fully cover the cost of their graduate studies. Some of the universities where our students have gained acceptance into globally competitive programs include: Cambridge, Oxford, LSE, NYU, Columbia, Cornell, Northwestern, Carnegie Melon and Johns Hopkins. Our students have also been accepted into International Affairs, Global Affairs, International Relations and Public Policy graduate programs – all highly competitive programs - while some of our students have gone on to study Law (LLB, JD) or a Master in Business (MBA).

## First Year Courses:

- 1.0 Economics 1021A/B Micro AND 1022A/B Macro
- 0.5 from either Math 1230A/B Cal. For the Social Sciences Calculus 1000A/B Calculus I
- 0.5 from either Math 1229A/B Methods of Matrix Algebra Calculus 1301A/B Calculus II
- Calculus 1501A/B Calculus II (Math & PhysicalSci) Mathematics 1600A/B Linear Algebra I
- 1.0 additional principal course
- 2.0 Electives

## Career Opportunities:

Graduates of our Financial Economics Program are well-prepared for a variety of roles, including:

- Finance and banking
- Public policy analysts
- Private consulting

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