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*the* **FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS**  
**VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** *at UBC*

# what *is* INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS?

International economics is about how our world works. Economists ask the hard questions. Why do some nations grow rich while others grow poor? What are the effects of government policy? How do multinational companies react to trade regulation? Studying international economics will help you understand these and other questions, and develop your critical thinking skills to challenge conventional wisdom.

# why *choose* the UBC bachelor of INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS?

You will graduate with a deep understanding of the workings of the global economy — as well as a strong technical training - building the foundation for dynamic and rewarding careers in business, government, or academia.

Around 100 students from across the globe join the program each year. This small-cohort-model is central to your learning experience. Smaller classes enhance your participation opportunities, and allow for more individualized discussions and interactions with faculty. Away from the classroom the personal and professional relationships you develop will last a lifetime.

## UNIQUE curriculum

- Learn from faculty from both the Vancouver School of Economics and the Sauder School of Business
- Be engaged by rigorous, specialized core curriculum focusing on international trade, international finance, development, and ethics in a global economics context
- Enrich your learning with courses in international business management, entrepreneurship, and market research
- Explore your unique educational interests by choosing from numerous university-wide electives
- Add a minor option to your degree

## UNIQUE advantages

- Learn with a diverse group of Canadian and international students, fostering valuable global perspectives
- Seek guidance from the BIE Academic Advisor
- Develop an Individual Learning Plan — your personal guide to your educational experience, enabling you to create an area of focus for your degree
- Work with a coach on your professional and personal development, and access the resources of the dedicated career centre
- Pursue opportunities for internships, exchange programs, research projects, and work placements

# BACHELOR *of* INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS program outline

	YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO			YEAR THREE			YEAR FOUR		
	FALL	WINTER	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	
Academic	Foundational Studies Electives		Foundational Studies Electives		Research Internship*	Individual Learning Plan Electives <i>(minor option)</i>			Individual Learning Plan Electives <i>(minor option)</i>		Academic
									Postgraduate Studies Search		
Career Development*	Introduction to Professional and Personal Development		Career Development Coaching		1st Co-Op Work Term**	Personal Career Plan		3rd Co-op Work Term**	On-Campus Recruitment		Career Development*
							2nd Co-op Work Term**				
Experiential Learning**					Service Learning <i>(optional)</i>		Exchange <i>(optional)</i>	Service Learning <i>(optional)</i>			Experiential Learning***

\*Merit-based award

\*\*Application required. Details: [artscoop.ubc.ca/students/why-co-op](https://artscoop.ubc.ca/students/why-co-op)

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**“The BIE degree is not a next-best alternative... studying international economics is the rational first choice. The cohort system in an economics degree is undoubtedly unique.**

*- Varit Senapitak, Class of 2017*

**“Working as a research assistant has given me the opportunity to apply the skills I acquired in the BIE program in a very focused manner, and to get to know professors personally.**

*- Cristina Blanco Iglesias, Class of 2017*

## HOW TO APPLY

The Bachelor of International Economics is a direct-entry, four-year undergraduate degree. Acceptance will be based on previous academic performance, evidence of relevant learning and achievements (both in and out of school), and other indicators of suitability. As the curriculum emphasizes international aspects of economics, admissions will be balanced between domestic and international applicants.

Entrance to the program is highly competitive. Applicants are strongly encouraged to select it as their first choice of programs when applying to UBC. Prospective students are invited to apply online at [you.ubc.ca](http://you.ubc.ca).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[economics.ubc.ca/bie](http://economics.ubc.ca/bie)  
[you.ubc.ca](http://you.ubc.ca)



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