

Economics at Trent

The economy is about far more than dollars and sense. At the local, national, and global level, the most significant societal issues involve an understanding of economics. Through your studies in Economics, you will gain a complete skill set including the methods and tools required to analyze complex economic issues such as unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and market regulation. Your studies will enable you to use national and international data to explore trends and tendencies, test economic models, and will give you the ability to recommend policies addressing inadequacies with market outcomes. Besides its importance in understanding contemporary social issues, economics is useful in developing career skills for business, law, teaching, public administration, and research.

These explorations can take place both in the classroom and beyond – through the Economics Co-op program (HB.A. and HB.Sc.), you can put skills to action across three paid work terms in professional settings.

Economics Co-op

Co-op is an opportunity for students to gain work-integrated experiential learning that will help them get a head start on their career. The Economics Co-op assists graduating students in achieving a competitive edge while generating experience within a wide range of sectors. Specifically, co-op gives the students a chance to obtain 12 months of practical experience on the job, develop or enhance technical skills, explore career options, network with a variety of individuals and organizations, learn from mentors, enhance communication and presentation skills, and develop technical writing skills.

Traditionally there are 3 co-op work terms of paid employment, each 4 months long, 35 hours/week, giving students the opportunity to manage well-defined special projects at an organization. With the Economics co-op, students are encouraged to combine two work terms back-to-back creating an 8-month opportunity with one employer.

Program Requirements for Admittance into Co-op:

- Minimum 80% cumulative average
- ENG4U with a minimum of 60%

To remain in the co-op, students must:

- Successfully complete the required Co-op courses (COOP 2000H, 4000H)
- Maintain a minimum 75% cumulative average throughout their study terms
- Complete three co-op work terms (ECON 2700P, 3700P, 4700P)
- Receive satisfactory evaluations during each of their work terms

Economics Co-op Work Term Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Summer
Year 1	Study Term 1	Study Term 2	Study Term 3
Year 2	Study Term 4	Study Term 5	Work Term 1
Year 3	Study Term 6	Work Term 2	Work Term 3
Year 4	Study Term 7	Study Term 8	

Please Note: Economics Co-op is a competitive direct-entry program with a limited number of spaces.



All co-op students are encouraged to meet with the School of Business Co-op Coordinator for course mapping and degree completion to ensure they are meeting program requirements for graduation. Email schoolofbusinessacademics@trentu.ca to book an appointment.

Please Note: Co-op is meant to prepare students for the real-world job application process and as such, the co-op process is competitive and dependent upon many factors including market conditions, the student's efforts to secure a work term, and the academic performance of a student. Every effort is made by the department to find suitable co-op work terms for students, but the department cannot guarantee a work term opportunity for every student. Co-op students will secure positions through successful participation in the co-op interview process and/or their own job search activities. Withdrawal from the co-op program will not normally be approved while a student is on a work term.

Students who are unable to obtain a suitable co-op opportunity in an upcoming work term are expected to continue with their academic program on a full-time basis. A missed work term can be made up. If a co-op student is unable to complete three work terms yet otherwise fulfills degree requirements, they will be awarded an Honours Bachelor of Arts or Science in Economics.

Students do not pay tuition during each work term. Instead, students are required to pay co-op fees plus ancillary fees and levies. The Co-op Assistance Program is available to support students in financial need with co-op expenses. For more information, please reach out to coop@trentu.ca.

International Students who are required to complete co-op work terms that are integral to their academic program must apply for a co-op work permit. Please reach out to internationaladvising@trentu.ca for more support.

Students with Disabilities are strongly encouraged to register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Please contact sas@trentu.ca for support with your academics.

Sample Work Term Areas for Economics:

- Evaluation & Research
- Finance
- Labour Relations
- Policy Analysis
- Public Service

Potential Career Paths for an Economics Graduate:

- Actuary
- Chartered Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Public Policy Analyst
- Stockbroker

