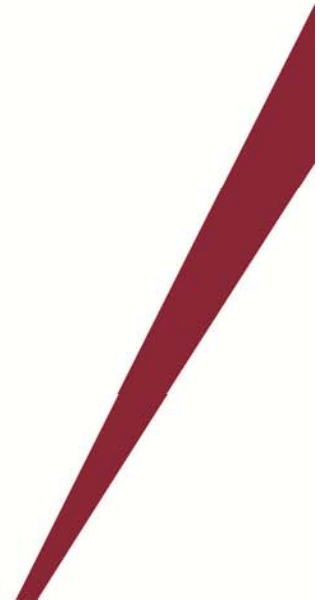


**Information for
Economics Graduate Program
Applicants
2018-19**



At a Glance:

Why pursue a graduate degree in Economics at Concordia?

1. Reputation of the graduate programs

- ✓ internationally recognized and respected MA and PhD programs
- ✓ draw applicants from highly-ranked universities from many different countries in the world; diverse international student body
- ✓ PhD program has more than doubled in size over the last 5 years: above 50 PhD students
- ✓ MA program is a well-functioning program at around 100 students (and increasing over time)
- ✓ selective programs; quality of the applicant pool is increasing
- ✓ success of our graduates in finding professional high-quality employment

2. Quality of training

- ✓ the main strength of the programs is the high quality of training
- ✓ quality classroom instruction combined with quality supervision by our dedicated faculty members
- ✓ the graduate programs combine rigorous standards with a supportive environment in which students can safely explore
- ✓ faculty members are passionate about both their own research and about initiating students into the world of research
- ✓ professors are generally available for consultations outside class
- ✓ supervisors devote generous amounts of their time to educate and support students in their research pursuits



3. High-caliber supervision

- ✓ internationally recognized experts in many areas, ranging from theoretical microeconomics and econometrics to applied macroeconomics
- ✓ research expertise in Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Auctions, Experimental Economics, Industrial Organization, Labour Economics, Economics of Education, Public Economics, Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Macroeconomic Theory, Monetary Economics, Development Economics, International Economics, Financial Economics, Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, and more
- ✓ faculty publish in top journals in Economics



Information for future Graduate Diploma students

Graduate Diploma program

Minimum admission requirement: 3.00 GPA (on a 4.3 scale)

**Requirements for the Graduate Diploma Program:
10 courses in total**

Courses

- ECON 500-level courses
- At least two ECON 600-level courses
- At most two master-level courses from JMSB (John Molson School of Business)

Course Composition

- I. Compulsory courses:
 - ECON 501 Advanced Microeconomic Theory
 - ECON 503 Advanced Macroeconomic Theory

- II. Highly recommended: ECON 521 (Econometrics I) and
ECON 525 (Math Econ)

- III. A minimum of two 600-level courses



Typical 500-level courses offered:

- ❖ Economic Growth and Fluctuations
- ❖ Economic Development: Policy Analysis
- ❖ Applied Econometrics
- ❖ Monetary Theory
- ❖ International Economics
- ❖ Industrial Organization
- ❖ Game Theory
- ❖ The Economics of Professional Sport
- ❖ Environmental Economics
- ❖ Labour Economics
- ❖ Economics of Transportation
- ❖ Income Distribution and Economic Inequality



Why enroll in our Graduate Diploma program?

- Deepen your knowledge of economics with advanced courses – learn some analytical tools
 - Develop your critical thinking skills in Economics
 - Broaden your knowledge of economic subjects, including applications and policies
- For working professionals interested in Economics as a secondary field
- For those wishing to prepare for MA or PhD studies in Economics





Information for future MA students

Minimum admission requirements:

- **At least 3.00 GPA (on a 4.3 scale) – we typically look for 3.30 or higher**
- **Sufficient background in Economics (but not necessary to have an undergraduate degree in Economics)**
- **Competitive: best applicants are admitted**

MA qualifying/remedial courses:

(often taken in one initial term spent in the Graduate Diploma program)

- **Econ 501 - Micro**
- **Econ 503 - Macro**
- **Econ 521 - Econometrics**
- **Econ 525 - Math Econ**

MA program

Requirements for the MA program:

- 8 ECON 600-level courses: 3 required courses and 5 electives
- A field specialization (two related elective courses)
- MA Research Paper



Compulsory courses:

ECON 612 Microeconomics I
ECON 615 Macroeconomics I
ECON 680 Econometrics I

Field specializations:

- Labour Economics
- International Economics
- Financial Economics
- Economic Development
- Game Theory
- Environmental Economics
- Applied Econometrics
and more

600-level elective courses offered in 2017-18:

Summer 2017:

Environmental Economics
Auctions and Markets

Fall 2017:

Monetary Economics
Financial Economics
Industrial Organization
Economics of Education and Human Capital
Microeconometrics
Computational Economics

Winter 2018:

Game Theory
Economic Development
International Monetary Economics
Labour Economics
Economic Design
Risk Management

MA Research Paper

- ✓ Written under the supervision of a faculty member
- ✓ Original contribution, or a survey paper with a critical view
- ✓ Topic is chosen in consultation with the potential supervisor (may be based on a course term paper)
- ✓ No supervisor is necessary at the time of application
- ✓ Second Reader: review and revision
- ✓ No oral defence is required



MA program timeline

- ✓ Typically takes 3 to 4 terms
- ✓ May start in both Fall and Winter: core courses offered both terms
- ✓ Full-time or part-time status



Why pursue an MA degree in Economics with us?

- Rigorous training in quantitative methods and application
- Flexibility: start in either term, part-time available
- Develop both technical and critical thinking skills
- Take diverse courses and consult research faculty with expertise in many areas
- Get acquainted with research in Economics
- Lots of good job opportunities
- **Co-op program**
- Prepare for doctoral studies





Placements

Our alumni are highly sought after by

- banks
- corporations
- airlines
- governmental organizations
- asset management firms
- trade associations

Recent graduates are working as

- insurance advisors
 - financial analysis managers
 - corporate compliance analysts
 - project managers
- among others

Examples of employers where our MA alumni currently work include:

Air Canada

BFL Canada

CIBC Asset Management

International Air Transport Association

National Bank of Canada

Publipage

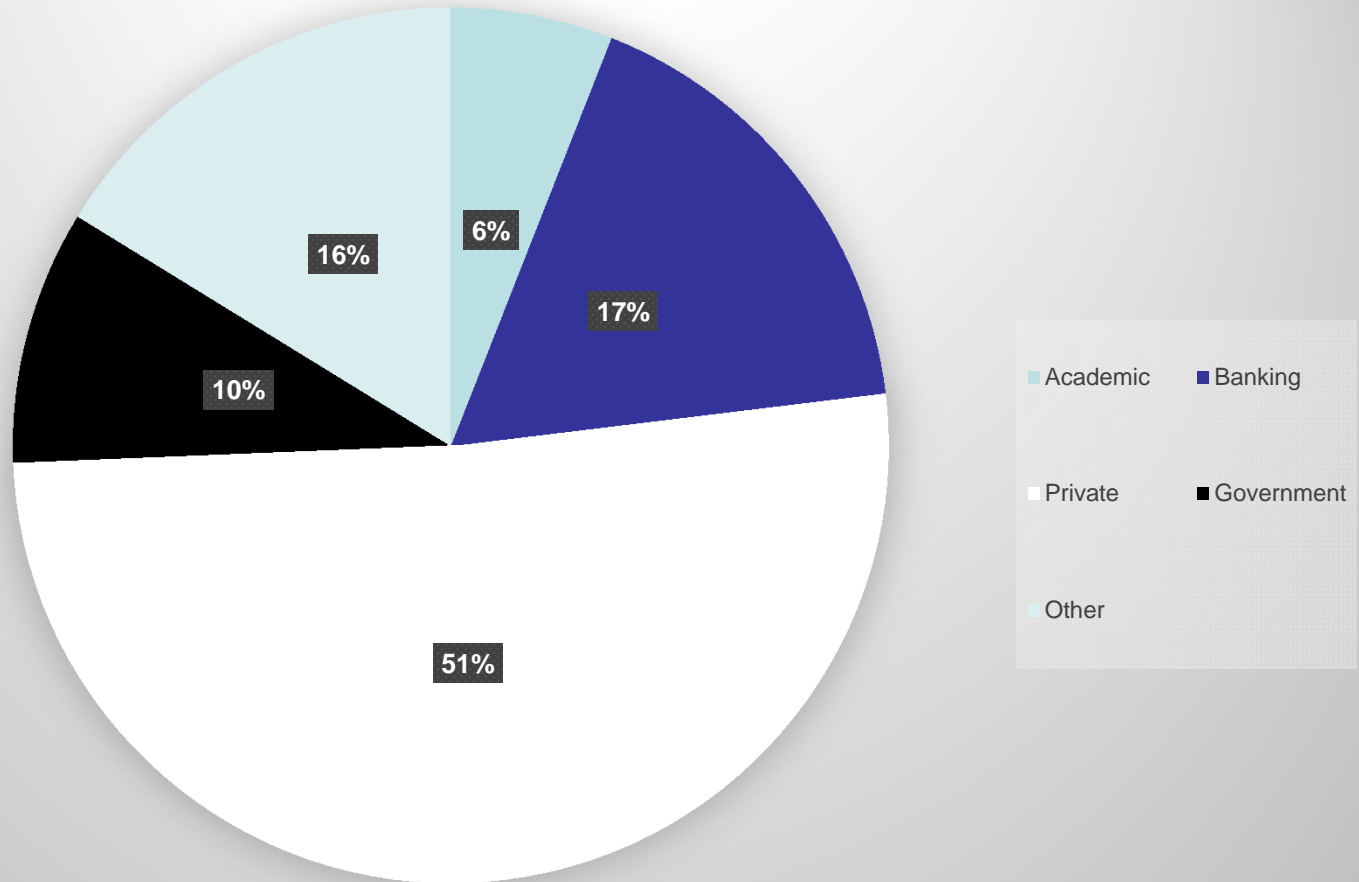
Saputo Inc.

Toronto-Dominion Bank

United Nations



MA Graduates Employment



Private: 51%, Banking: 17%, Government: 10%, Academic: 6 % (Other: 16%)



Information for future PhD students

Admission requirements:

- **At least 3.50 GPA (on a 4.3 scale)**
- **Master's degree in Economics or related subject**
- **In outstanding cases may be admitted without a Master's degree**
- **Highly competitive: best applicants are admitted – limited number of spots available**

PhD program

Requirements for the PhD Program:

- 10 ECON 600-level courses: 6 required courses and 4 electives
- Two field specializations
- Comprehensive exams in the three major fields
- Thesis Proposal seminar
- 4th year paper and presentation
- Thesis research and writing
- Oral defence of thesis

Compulsory courses and comprehensive exams:

1. Microeconomics: ECON 612-613 Microeconomics I-II
2. Macroeconomics: ECON 615-616 Macroeconomics I-II
3. Econometrics: ECON 680-681 Econometrics I-II

Field specializations are similar to MA fields:

- Labour Economics
 - International Economics
 - Financial Economics
 - Economic Development
 - Game Theory
 - Environmental Economics
 - Applied Econometrics
- and more



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(same as for MA):**

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International Monetary Economics
Labour Economics
Economic Design
Risk Management

Advanced PhD-level elective courses offered by other Montreal universities:

- May take as elective, upon permission
- Broadens the possible set of elective courses
- Easy: CREPUQ online system



PhD Thesis Proposal

The PhD Thesis Proposal should demonstrate primarily the following for at least one thesis chapter:

- a) the major research questions
- b) knowledge of the relevant literature
- c) the planned methodology
- d) at least some preliminary results

The PhD Thesis Proposal is prepared under the guidance of the PhD supervisor.



4th Year Paper and Presentation

- ✓ Submit a finished paper/chapter of thesis
- ✓ Present paper in departmental lunch seminar
- ✓ Submit paper to conferences and present it
- ✓ Submit paper for publication



PhD Thesis

- ✓ Written under the supervision of a faculty member
- ✓ Original contribution, consists of three publishable quality chapters/papers
- ✓ Topic is chosen in consultation with the potential future supervisor
- ✓ No supervisor is necessary at the time of application, but feel free to consult with potential future supervisors before applying
- ✓ Oral defence is required



PhD program timeline

- ✓ Year 1: take 7 required courses and pass all comprehensive exams
- ✓ Year 2: take 3 elective courses, find your supervisor and select thesis topic
- ✓ Year 3: Fall – present PhD Thesis Proposal seminar
- ✓ Year 4: Fall – 4th year paper and presentation
- ✓ Year 5: Submit thesis and defend it



Recent PhD thesis titles and placements

- Three Essays on the Inter-Provincial Labor Mobility of Canada – **Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka**
- Three Essays in Commodity Price Dynamics – **Assistant Professor, Beirut Arab University**
- Credit Migration of an Internal Rating System for a Canadian SMS Loan Portfolio – **Quantitative Analyst, AVP, State Street**
- Hedging and Pricing in Incomplete Markets: Theory and Applications – **Assistant Professor, University of Liverpool**
- Essays in Theoretical and Applied Econometrics – **Senior Analyst, National Bank of Canada**
- Fiscal Transparency, its Determinants, And Consequences for Developing Countries – **Senior Analyst, Canada Revenue Agency**
- Three Essays in Immigrant Post-Human Capital Investment in Heterogeneity – **Senior Researcher, Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation**
- Portfolio Credit Risk Modelling – **Global Capital Allocation Leader, GE Capital (greater NYC area)**
- Three Essays on Educational Decisions and Labor Market Outcomes of Youths – **Assistant Professor, University of Alberta**

Why pursue a PhD degree in Economics with us?

- Get rigorous training in quantitative methods and applications
- World-class faculty with expertise in many areas of Economics
- Develop both analytical and critical thinking skills
- Conduct in-depth research in Economics and publish your papers
- Great job opportunities in academia, government, the financial sector, and the corporate world





**Overview:
Why choose Concordia for
your graduate studies in
Economics?**

Summary of key points:

- Internationally-recognized faculty members in diverse research areas
- Theoretical, applied and empirical research
- Rigorous training
- Great placements
- Connection to alumni – LinkedIn, networking opportunities
- Personalized attention to applicants and prompt help with application procedure (Ms. Elise Melancon)
- Excellent departmental facilities (classrooms, computer lab, PhD offices)
- GradProSkills
- CIREQ – seminars and conferences (including a yearly PhD student conference at a Montreal university)
- Montreal – named best city in the world for students in 2017



Application and admissions

Application documents

- ❖ All transcripts
- ❖ Curriculum vita
- ❖ 3 references (+ academic assessment form)
- ❖ Statement of purpose
- ❖ English Language test scores (TOEFL, IELTS), if applicable

Apply online – application form, fee



Application deadlines

Graduate Diploma and MA:

Fall 2018 entry: January 15, 2018 (accept until April 1, 2018)

Winter 2019 entry: June 1, 2018 (accept until August 1, 2018)

PhD:

Fall 2018 entry: January 15, 2018

Strict deadline for PhD – admission and financial offers are made by mid-February!



Evaluation of applications

- ❑ Departmental Graduate Program Committee decides
- ❑ Transcripts: both GPA and details, especially grades in core Economics courses
- ❑ Statement – motivation to study?
- ❑ Vita – relevant experience? research activities?
- ❑ References: from previous professors, details and specific info
- ❑ English Language Proficiency – cut-off: not considered if below (if slightly below, accept with ConCEPT English test, remedial courses)

How to improve your chances of admission?

- ✓ Take missing core courses in Economics at the advanced undergraduate level – with good grades! (independent graduate status)
- ✓ Strong GRE scores – especially quantitative
- ✓ Write a strong Statement – MA applicants: what is your motivation? PhD applicants: what are your research interests and why?
- ✓ Prior relevant work experience or research/teaching experience in Economics
- ✓ References: from professors (not friends, or family members)
- ✓ If low GPA: explain in your Statement and on the application form

For more information

- Visit the Concordia Economics Department graduate program web pages – lots of information

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H-1155.19, Wednesday 1 to 3 p.m.
 - Application procedure: Elise.Melancon@concordia.ca
H-1155.53, during regular hours





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