What’s the program all about?

The Financial & Business Economics program at York University is one of the country’s leading economics programs, with a challenging and rewarding curriculum, state-of-the-art computing resources and world-renowned faculty who bring their leading-edge ideas into the classroom.

Students in the Financial & Business Economics program acquire the conceptual and analytical tools of economics needed to investigate and understand monetary activities.

Our program combines a rigorous quantitative and analytical approach with practical application and is designed for students interested in understanding the workings of financial markets, such as the stock market and financing of companies. You’ll gain a broad understanding of the economic framework upon which financial theory is based. Through a blend of theory and applied tools of modern finance you’ll also develop a solid knowledge of the microeconomic principles underlying financial markets, the macroeconomic role of finance and the quantitative tools used for analyzing financial markets.

What can I combine with it?

The Financial & Business Economics program is a Specialized Honours BA and therefore double-majors and major-minors are not possible with this program.

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies offers a wide range of certificate programs which can be combined with Financial & Business Economics.

What will my first year look like?

A typical Financial & Business Economics first year includes:

**MAJOR COURSES**
- Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Introductory Mathematical Economics I and II

**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**
- 6 or 9 credits from the Humanities or Social Science areas
- 6 credits from the Natural Science area

**COURSES OUTSIDE THE MAJOR**
- 3 credits chosen from subjects other than your major or General Education subjects

ADMS 1000
- Introduction to Administrative Studies (recommended) and ADMS 1010 Exploring the Functions of Business are open to students in the Financial & Business Accounting program.

*Courses listed above are based on Fall/Winter 2016-2017 offerings.*
First Year Major and Elective Courses

**Introduction to Microeconomics**
Introduces the principles and methods of economics with emphasis on microeconomic theory. Topics include general and basic concepts of demand and supply, utility analysis and demand, production and costs, pricing in competitive and monopolistic markets, and government regulation.

**Introduction to Macroeconomics**
Introduces the principles and methods of economics with emphasis on macroeconomic theory. Topics include basic models of national income and employment determination, fiscal policy, banking and monetary policy, the theory of international trade and finance, and contemporary macro-economic issues such as unemployment, inflation, and government budget policy.

**Introductory Mathematical Economics I**
Introduces and develops topics in differential calculus and integral calculus with applications to marginal analysis and profit maximization. Prerequisite: Grade 12U Advanced Functions or equivalent.

**Introductory Mathematical Economics II**
Introduces and develops topics in comparative statics of general function models and matrix algebra with applications to input-output models, unconstrained and constrained optimization with applications to microeconomic and macroeconomic models, and elements of linear programming with applications to decision-making in economics.

**General Education Courses in First Year**
As part of the first year experience, students in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies complete General Education Courses in Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science. You can choose from approximately 50 courses.

Normally, Financial & Business Economics majors take their General Education course in Social Science in their first year because of the structure of the program.

**Careers with a Financial & Business Economics degree**
Graduates from the Financial & Business Economics program can pursue careers in the financial sector or graduate studies in finance or financial economics disciplines. Career paths include:
- Consultant
- Corporate financial manager
- Investment banker
- Venture capitalist

For More Information
For information about the Financial & Business Economics program, including additional course descriptions and a directory of Faculty members connected with the program, visit [go.yorku.ca/fin-econ](http://go.yorku.ca/fin-econ).

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