

What our recent graduates say

"It's an advantage to have a master's degree on your CV. From my experience, economists are in high demand and a master's degree provides extra credibility. The MEcon increases your shot at a job and prepares you well for it but it does not guarantee anything – you still have to live up to it."



"After completing my studies, I moved to Santiago, Chile, to intern at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). I then moved back to New Zealand and now work in the Trade and International team at the MBIE. As part of my degree, I studied the economics of international trade, so my studies definitely helped prepare me for what has come my way."

Susie Campbell
Master of Economics graduate
Policy Advisor, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

"An Otago MEcon gives you a competitive advantage when looking for a job – it certainly opened doors for me. You'll gain strong analytical and communication skills that set you up perfectly for a range of graduate roles."



"I work on many different projects that require clear problem definition and a detailed course of action to arrive at the output the client wants. My study taught me how to successfully define the parameters of a problem and identify the steps that need to be taken to deliver robust solutions."

Kelvin Woock
Master of Economics graduate
Economic Consultant, Sapere

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Master of Economics (MEcon)

Equipping you with the advanced knowledge and skills needed for a career in business, government and economics.



Economics – a way of thinking



The Master of Economics (MEcon) will equip students to be professional practitioners or academic researchers in business and government. It can also provide a pathway to PhD study. Students will graduate with the advanced knowledge and sophisticated skills needed for a career that includes economics.

Why study for a Master of Economics?

With the Master of Economics you will:

- develop the skills needed by professional economists working as high-level analysts in government agencies, large businesses and consultancies
- learn from leading experts, committed to outstanding teaching and research
- leave with a degree that combines rigorous academic standards with real-world, practical insights.



Key information

- One year of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study.
- Semester 1 and semester 2 intakes.
- Requires a bachelor's degree majoring in Economics and an average grade of at least B for the relevant 300-level papers including completion of 300-level papers in mathematical economics and econometrics.
- Admission on the basis of alternative qualifications and experience is possible.
- Offers a path towards a PhD.

Teaching style and assessment

Our reputation for academic and research excellence attracts students and staff from throughout New Zealand and around the world. We have small classes with good student-to-lecturer ratios, and the degree consists of both coursework and a research dissertation.

Career opportunities

In recent years, Otago graduates have found employment in a very wide range of roles, in both the private and public sectors. The degree is designed to develop the skills required by professional economists working as high-level analysts in government agencies, large businesses, and consultancies. Our graduates can be found working for the following organisations: Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ); United Nations; New Zealand Treasury; Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI); Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT); Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE); PWC; Deloitte; Ernst & Young; Landcare; Commerce Commission; StatsNZ; Pharmac; and others.

Programme structure

The programme consists of six papers worth a total of 120 points selected from ECON 402–413, including ECON 410 and ECON 411, plus at least one of ECON 412 and ECON 413, together with ECON 580:

- ECON 402 Growth, Institutions and Development (20 points)
- ECON 403 Monetary Economics (20 points)
- ECON 404 International Economics (20 points)
- ECON 405 The Economics of Natural Resources and Public Choice (20 points)
- ECON 406 Labour and Population Economics (20 points)
- ECON 407 Special Topic in Advanced Economics (20 points)
- ECON 410 Advanced Microeconomic Theory (20 points)
- ECON 411 Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (20 points)
- ECON 412 Macroeconometrics (20 points)
- ECON 413 Microeconometrics (20 points)
- ECON 580 Research Dissertation (60 points)