

## 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)

