

Economics@Otago

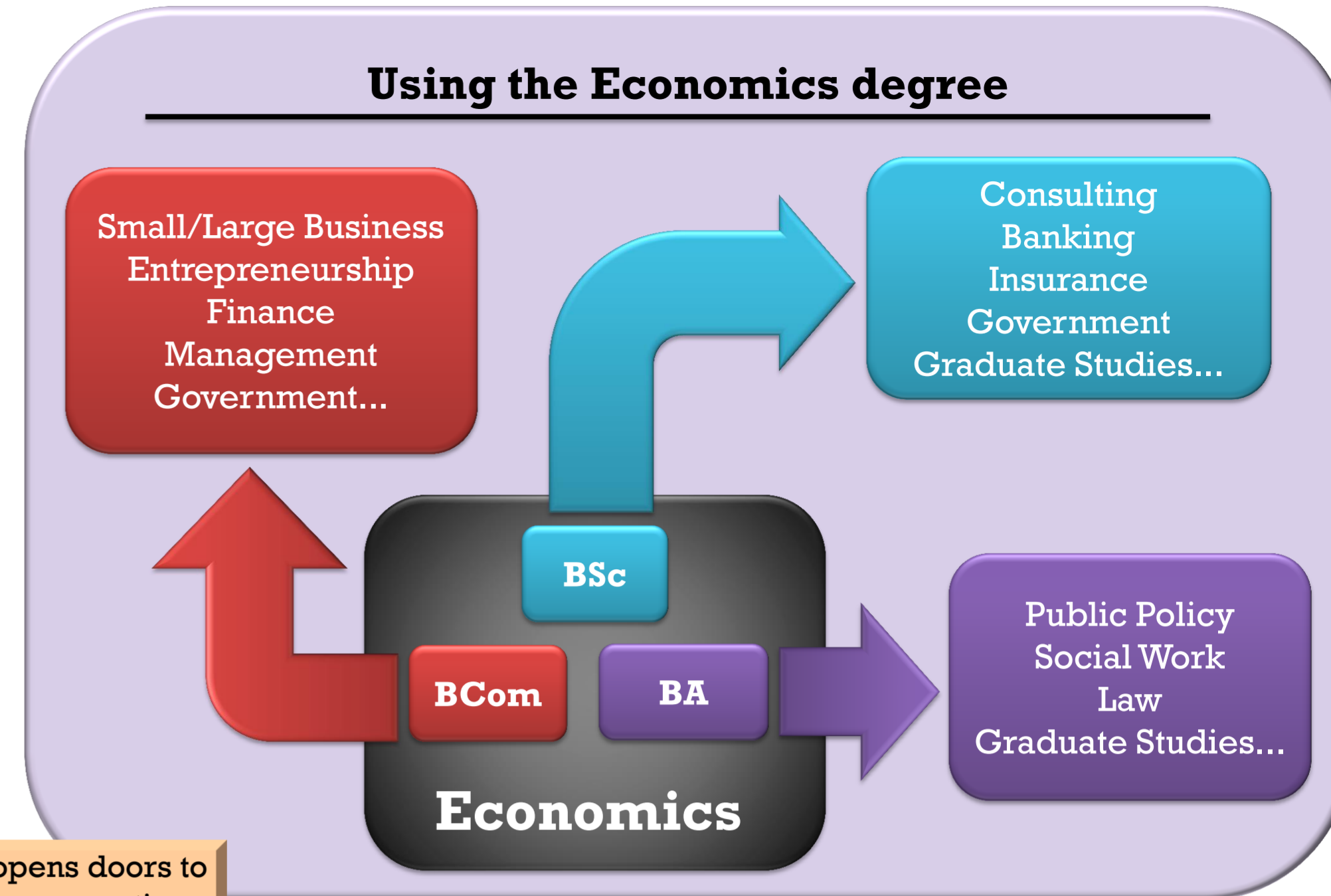
The science of scarcity

Economics covers a variety of topics in **Business**, **Social Science** and **Decision Science**. The University of Otago offers 3 different Bachelor's degrees in Economics:

- **Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)** – A degree featuring breadth in a variety of commercial disciplines (finance, accounting, information science, etc).
- **Bachelor of Arts (BA)** – A degree with the option to study the arts and humanities (sociology, political science, geography, anthropology, etc). A BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (**PPE**) is also available
- **Bachelor of Science (BSc)** – A degree that emphasises technical skills and quantitative analysis.
- **Honours (Hons)** are offered with each degree. Many students opt to **Minor (Minor)** in Economics to complement their main field of study.

For more information on the Economics major at the University of Otago, visit www.business.otago.ac.nz/econ.

Economics opens doors to a variety of career options. Graduates with Economics degrees find that their training has a high value.



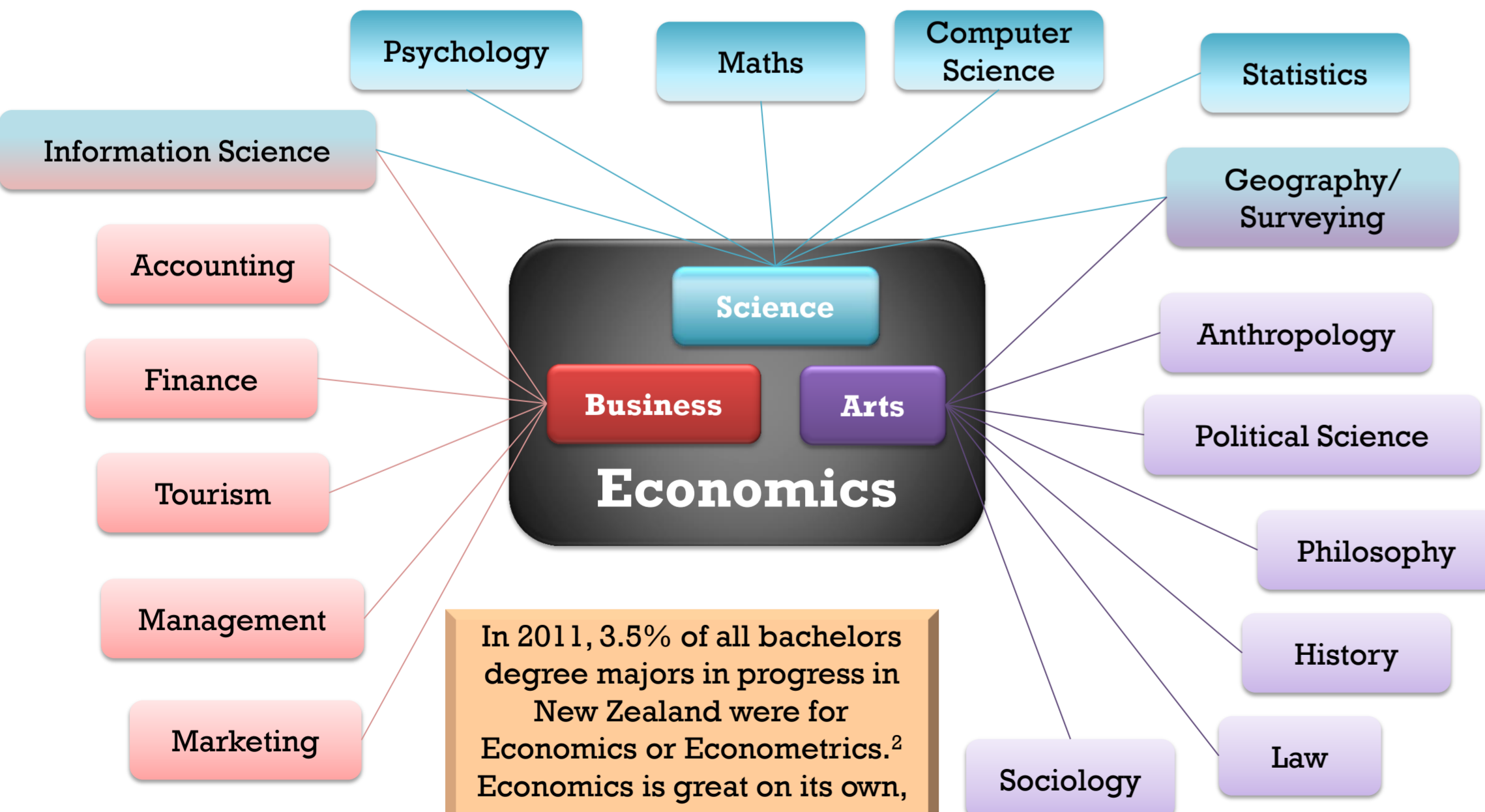
Our papers are taught by engaging research-active academic staff with diverse expertise

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| Agricultural Economics | Economic Methodology | Labour Economics |
| Behavioural Economics | Empirical Macroeconomics | Money and Banking |
| Computational Economics | Empirical Microeconomics | Natural Resource Economics |
| Decision Analysis | Energy Economics | Political Economy |
| Development Economics | Health Economics | Population Economics |
| Econometrics | International Macroeconomics | Urban and Regional Economics |
| Economic Growth | International Trade | Sports Economics |

Economics coursework balances conceptual and analytical thinking: a powerful combination.

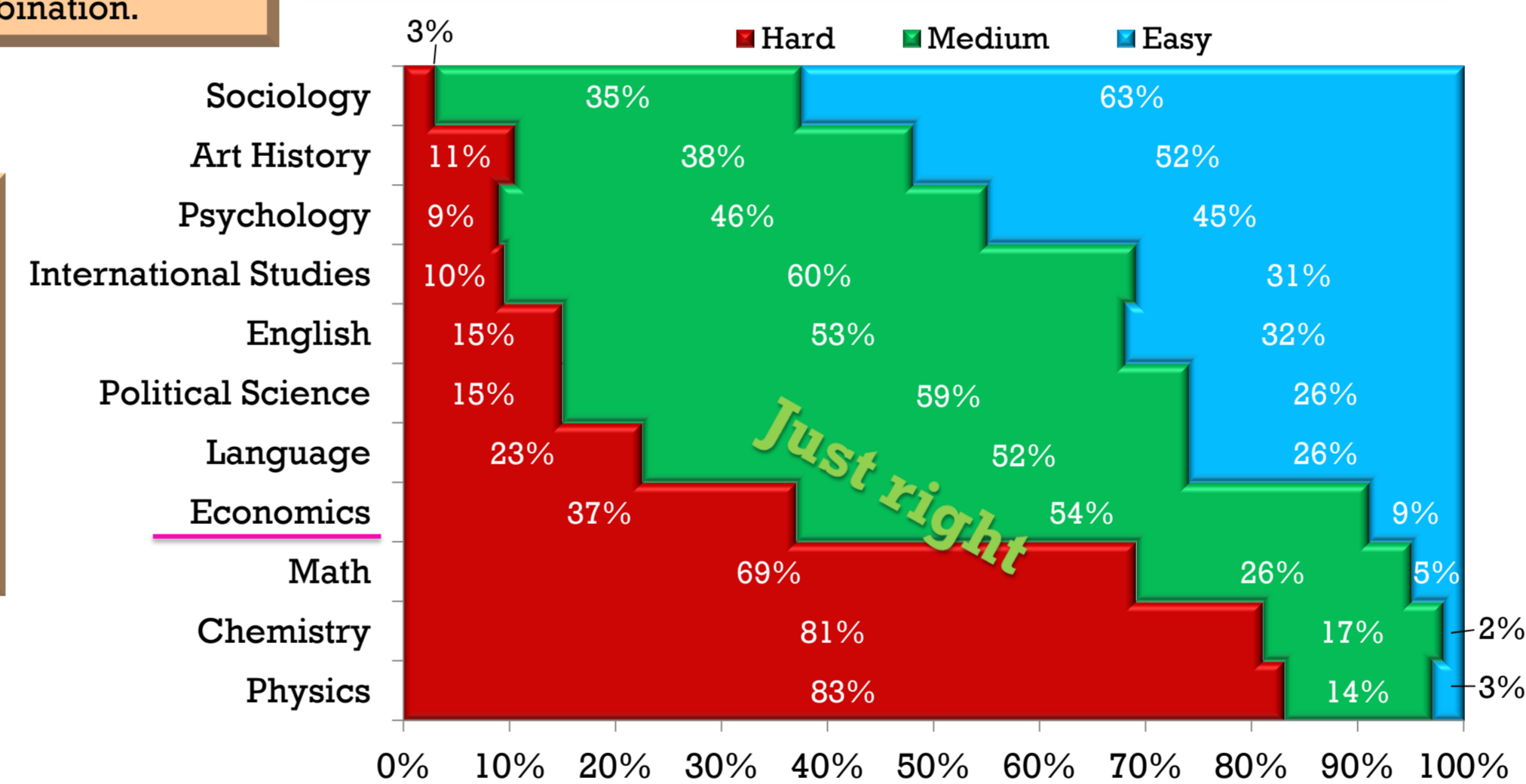
Students learn important economic vocabulary, history and ideas, but also the skills needed for economic research (including model-making and statistical analysis).

Subjects that complement Economics

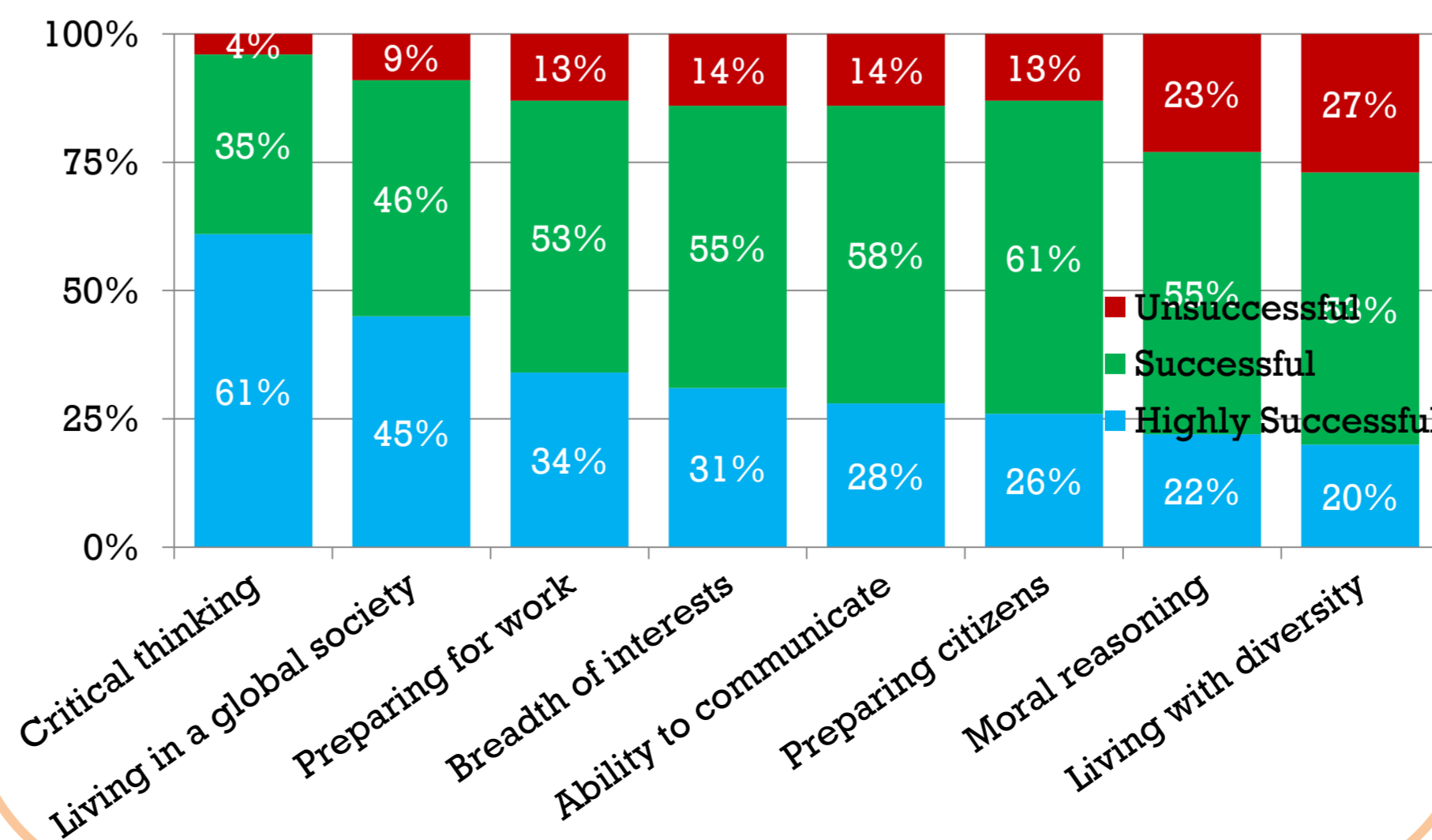


In 2011, 3.5% of all bachelors degree majors in progress in New Zealand were for Economics or Econometrics.² Economics is great on its own, but is also often taken with other subjects as a *co-major* or *minor*.

How difficult is the Economics major?¹



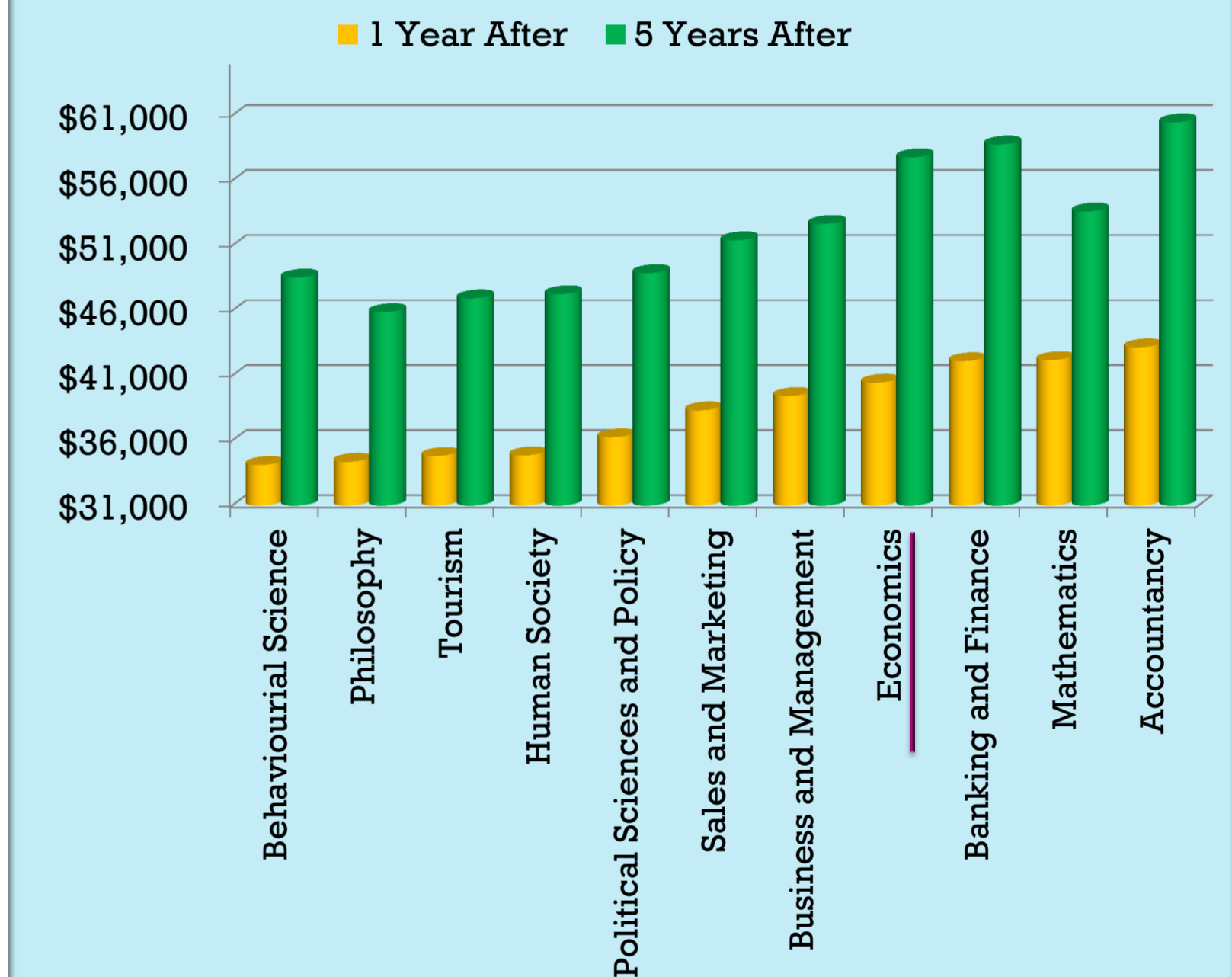
How well does Economics prepare students for life in the modern world?¹



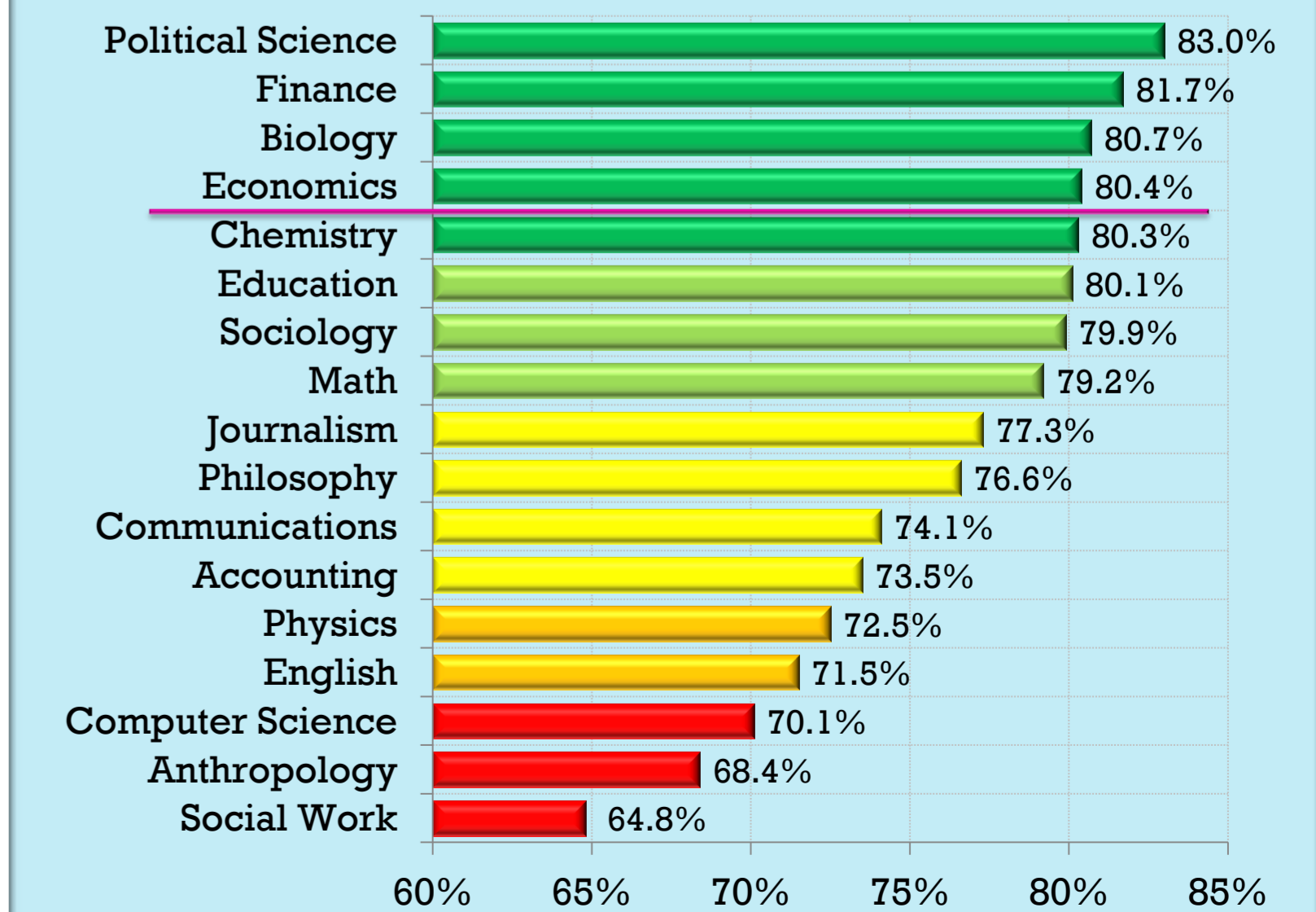
Economics provides students with the tools for global citizenship. Students leave university ready to contribute to society.

Salaries for Economics majors

2009/2010 Earnings for Young New Zealanders After Completing a Bachelor's Degree³



% Satisfied with Job⁴



Sources:
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