WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?
The science of decision-making, economics helps us understand the ‘how’ and ‘why’ behind decisions.

It provides a framework for analysing and solving complex resource allocation and distribution issues as well as predicting the costs and benefits of choices made by organisations, governments, communities, and individuals.

WILL I ENJOY ECONOMICS?
Economics is the program of choice for students who are curious about the world and who want to have a high-level impact. You will thrive on studying economics if you question things such as, what happens in the world of politics, industry and finance or how decisions are made about managing climate change, scarce resources or welfare.

The UQ Economics program is ideal for students with strengths in mathematics, humanities, or the sciences.

HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM COMMERCE AND BUSINESS?
Economics, Commerce and Business are complementary fields. Economics equips graduates with lifelong analytical skills that are transportable around the world. Commerce focuses on accounting and finance, while Business develops managerial skills.

UQ SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
The University of Queensland (UQ) School of Economics is one of the oldest, largest, and most influential economics departments in Australia.

- UQ Economics ranks consistently in the top five per cent of world organisations that conduct and publish research (see http://repec.org)
- 1200 students study economics at UQ, including 450+ international students from 48 countries
- UQ ranks as one of the world’s top 50 leading universities in the QS World University Rankings (2011/12)
- The University has the maximum five-star ranking for student demand, research grants and research intensity in The Australian Good Universities Guide (2012)
- UQ is ranked Top 6 in the Asia Pacific and Top 100 worldwide in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities (2012)
- In the Australian Graduate Survey 2012, the UQ full-time employment rate for bachelor degree graduates was 78.3 per cent (against the national figure of 74.1 per cent)

“Economics opens up your mind to see the world as you have never seen it before. It gets you to question and think about things around you that you would never have questioned previously. This degree helps explain much of what is going on in the world today, and how to make sense of phenomena such as the EU crisis and the GFC…It helps you to see and think about the link that exists between you, the local shop owner, the government, the nation and the rest of the world.”

Tam de Lacey (pictured above), Bachelor Economics/Arts

STUDYING ECONOMICS
For students who want to make an impact on the world.
YOUR FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Economists influence almost every facet of our lives, and as a UQ economics graduate, you will have the ability to choose from an array of remarkable and financially rewarding careers.

You will also find yourself among the most highly paid graduates from business-related disciplines.

Following graduation, you could choose to be an analyst, policy advisor, consultant or economist in the public or private sectors. Alternatively, you might opt to be an investment banker or portfolio manager.

An economics degree can also lay the foundation for becoming a leader of business or government, a politician, United Nations official or entrepreneur.

KEY EMPLOYMENT SECTORS
- Banking, finance and insurance
- Government (treasury, transport, health, agriculture & environment)
- International development or foreign affairs
- Management
- Policy advising
- Academia
- Private consulting
- Emerging new fields include resources and defence

OUR PROGRAMS

UQ Economics offers an innovative range of programs from our Bachelor of Economics, to our flagship Honours program as well as postgraduate coursework, postgraduate research programs (including MPhil and PhD) and dual degree programs.

Bachelor of Economics program (BEcon)
Our BEcon equips graduates with exceptional analytical skills. The program offers almost 60 courses, allowing you to tailor your studies and pursue individual interests.

Majors and areas of specialisation include:
- Business and Industry
- Economics and Public Policy
- International Trade and Finance
- Natural Resources and Environment, and
- Quantitative Methods

Bachelor of Economics Honours
Our flagship program provides an extra year of high quality study. On completion of the Bachelor's Degree (three years), Honours (one year) can give you direct entry into a top PhD program overseas, with no Masters qualification needed.

Postgraduate study options
- Master of Economics
- Master of Business Economics (Advanced)
- Master of Development Economics (Advanced)
- Master of Economics and Public Policy (Advanced)
- Master of Health Economics (Advanced)
- Master of International Economics and Finance (Advanced)

Research Higher Degree
- Masters of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)