

# PBCAE

## Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics (PBCAE)

September 2025 Admission



HALIFAX ~ CANADA

## Unlocking opportunities for career advancement.

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics (PBCAE) is a one-year graduate certificate that enables students upgrade their skills in economic and statistical analyses beyond the undergraduate level but avoiding the rigour of a master's level economics degree. It also serves as a bridging program for those intending to pursue a master's degree in economics.

PBCAE graduates with a GPA of B or higher (with no grade below a B-) are automatically eligible for admission to the Master of Applied Economics (MAE) program at Sobey School of Business.

By completing the PBCAE, you will be well-prepared to apply economic theories and concepts to real-world scenarios and make informed decisions in your chosen career path. The Sobey School's PBCAE program will:

- enhance your basic skills in economic analysis needed to understand some day-to-day economic events.
- develops your basic quantitative skills needed to meet your career demands.
- help prepare you for graduate studies in economics if you are lacking some background courses.



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of Business**

Saint Mary's University

## Admission requirements

- Undergraduate degree with a minimum overall CGPA of 3.0.
- Required Economic courses:
  - Principles of Microeconomics
  - Principles of Macroeconomics
  - Introductory Statistics
- Three references
- Resume
- Supplemental form (short answer questions)
- Writing sample
- IELTS (Overall score of 6.5 with no band below 6.0)

*\* Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.*

## Application deadlines

**April 1:** International applicants

**June 30:** Canadians/permanent resident applicants

## Estimated program fees

Canadians and permanent residents: **\$7,840**

International students: **\$15,510**

*\*Fees subject to change.*



### Questions?

Contact Sobey Graduate Programs Admissions  
[info.sobeygrad@smu.ca](mailto:info.sobeygrad@smu.ca)

## Program Requirements:

Students admitted to the program must successfully complete six courses (equivalent of eighteen (18) credit hours) with a GPA of 2.20 or higher (noting that completion with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is required for consideration of acceptance into the MAE program).

## Core Courses include:

- ECON 5500      Microeconomics
- ECON 5501      Macroeconomics
- ECON 5503      Economic Statistics

PBCAE students must also take three electives offered at 4000 level or above. Those interested in pursuing a master's degree in economics upon completion of PBCAE are strongly advised to take the following electives:

- » Mathematical Economics (ECON 5502)
- » Either Advanced Microeconomics Theory (ECON 5600) or Advanced Macroeconomics Theory (ECON 5601)
- » Econometrics (ECON 5603)



### Questions?

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