

**Town Hall Forum for Students:  
Bachelor of International Economics Tuition Consultation  
& Overview of Plans for the Vancouver School of Economics**

Room 215, Buchanan "B" Building (on Memorial Road at the corner of Main Mall)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Tuesday, October 9th, 2012

Students are invited to a forum regarding proposed tuition fees for the new Bachelor of International Economics degree; and, to ask questions about the new Vancouver School of Economics.

***The Vancouver School of Economics***

On November 1, 2012 the Department of Economics will become the Vancouver School of Economics. The School will still be within the Faculty of Arts. There will be no changes to current Economics students' graduation requirements or tuition. Goals of the new School are to: enhance existing undergraduate programs and develop an exciting new undergraduate program (Bachelor of International Economics); build deeper relationships with alumni; offer a richer research experience for faculty as the department grows; strengthen graduate programs; lay the groundwork for developing a professional Masters in Applied Economics Program, and expand UBC's contribution to policy debates, locally, nationally and internationally. The B.I.E. will be direct entry. The only other direct entry program in the Faculty of Arts is offered through a school (the School of Music).

***Bachelor of International Economics***

The B.I.E. will exist alongside the existing degree programs in Economics at UBC, while offering a number of distinct features: the program will be direct entry, allowing students greater opportunity to develop skills in economic analysis; it will be offered in partnership with Sauder School of Business offering students a more career-oriented degree program; and students will specialize in international economics (international trade, international finance, international development). The students will be internationally diverse and core courses will be delivered in a cohort structure.

The B.I.E. program is different from other economics programs at UBC and elsewhere, so a direct comparison of tuition fees has not been possible. Proposed tuition has been set based on the projected actual costs of the program, plus a review of benchmark fees from other programs with economics content.

**TUITION BENCHMARKING**

<b>University</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Domestic tuition</b>	<b>International tuition</b>	<b>Comments</b>
VSE	BIE	\$10,000	\$29,000	Proposed for 2013/4
UBC	BA	\$4,700	\$22,600	Actual 2012/3
UBC	BComm	\$6,965	\$25,346	Actual 2012/3 (Yr 2+)
U of Toronto	BA	\$5,695	\$32,075	Inter – entering 2013
U of Toronto	BComm	\$14,259	\$32,075	Inter – entering 2013 (Yr 2+)
Queens	BA	\$5,706	\$22,249	Actual 2012-13
Queens	BComm	\$14,141	\$30,611	Actual 2012-13

Western	BA	\$5,552	\$18,113	
Western	BComm	\$22,144	\$28,777	
U of Alberta	BA	\$5,268	\$18,318	Actual 2012/3
U of Alberta	BComm	\$6,928	\$24,094	Actual 2012/3 – incl. 'business market modifier'
McGill	BA	\$6,155	\$32,640	Actual 2012/3 Domestic -non- Quebec resident
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U Wash	BA		\$28,860	
Berkeley	BA/BComm		\$34,098	
Michigan	BA		\$38,928	Lower division
Michigan	BComm		\$39,118	Lower division