Economics allows us to find patterns within every aspect of our world – whether it’s populations of animals, hospitalisation rates, supply chains, transport, air quality – you name it. By identifying these patterns, students can innovate ways to disrupt the status quo and maximise, or shift, outcomes and efficiencies on whatever topic they’re passionate about... and working on your passion is never boring!

MYTH:
Economics is boring
Because of its versatility, economics makes a great pairing with all sorts of programs to complement your studies and develop you into a social scientist and thereby more well-rounded.

UQ students can double their skills and knowledge by combining their economics program with a dual degree in business management, commerce, law, engineering, arts, science and more.

FALSE.
A huge number of today’s economists care about principles of equality, dignity and respect. Of course, in the finance sector an economist’s work can sometimes mean maximising profit, but in many circumstances, it’s about finding solutions for poorly designed programs, policies and issues of access.

"No. Absolutely not. I’m not very good at math and I don’t like math, but here I am, at the end of my program and I’ve managed to go through the second half of my economics subjects barely touching it – very strategically.”
Lachlan
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Honours program

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You need to be good at maths to study economics

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Nicole Cloutier
Iningai, Gubbi Gubbi and Italian woman.
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