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The Bachelor of International Economics (BIE) is a new four-year, full-time degree programme that has been introduced by the Vancouver School of Economics at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada, this year. BIE students will be taught the dynamics of the [global economy](#) along with technical training that will equip them to opt for careers in business, government or academia.

"Students will have an opportunity to spend a semester abroad under a Go Global programme at universities with which UBC has such arrangements. Many students in the programme will also have opportunities to enrol in community-oriented development programmes in [South America](#) and [Africa](#) as well as co-op internships with prospective employers," says Ashok Kotwal, professor of economics and director of the programme.

Tuition fees for the academic year 2013/2014 are \$7,670 (per year based on 30 credits) for domestic students, and \$27,934 (per year based on 30 credits) for international students, both in Canadian funds. All applicants, domestic and international, are eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships and awards.

The BIE programme has a broad-based admission policy that incorporates a number of factors including performance in specific high school courses, evidence of relevant learning and achievements both in and out of school, and other indicators of suitability for the programme. The curriculum emphasises on international aspects of economics and, thus, will admit an internationally diverse cohort of students, with admissions balanced between domestic and international applicants.

Applications for Fall 2014 intake of students into the programme will commence in November 2013. Interested applicants should check the Vancouver School of Economics' website for more details. www.economics.ubc.ca

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