

Transcript of “Graduate programs: MA Economics and Finance”

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Summary

This video’s focus is the Master of Arts in Economics and Finance program at the University of Guelph. It features economics professor Thanasis Stengos and alumnus Kyel Governor who both discuss different aspects of the program and opportunities for its graduates.

Transcript

00:00 – 00:02

[The video opens with title slide featuring College of Business and Economics logo and program name MA Economics + Finance.]

00:02 – 00:23

[Cut to medium shot of Thanasis Stengos speaking outdoors beside Johnston Hall on the University of Guelph’s campus.]

Thanasis Stengos: It's a one-year program, based on six courses and one research project. The courses are mainly the core theory courses and there are electives that essentially give the students the opportunity to specialize in an area that is of their interest, and do the project, the research that is component in that area. [Cut to footage of University of Guelph sign.]

00:23 - 00:47

[Cut to medium shot of Kyel Governor speaking in a seminar room.]

Kyel Governor: I decided to choose Guelph to do my MA in Economics because of the faculty and the kind of environment that's here in Guelph. It's a nice, inclusive environment, and friendly, so I get to work with a lot of students and faculty closely. The Economics and Finance faculty at the University of Guelph are amazing. They are collaborative. They specialize in their areas of research.

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[Cut to Thanasis Stengos.]

Thanasis: The students are engaged in research that combines theoretical background and theoretical questions with strong quantitative analyses. Students have done very important and sometimes very

successful pieces of research in health economics, in economics of inequality, economic growth, and other areas.

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[Cut to footage of “Income inequality and innovation” being typed into a search engine on a computer, followed by footage of Kyel talking about his research.]

Kyel: So in my research, mainly I focused on whether the income inequality is driven by innovation or in accumulation of capital. What I found is that innovation has a stronger effect on top income inequality than just capital accumulation. This means that we could really explain most of the trends in income inequality due to innovations, and the returns that these companies are getting from just creating something new.

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[Cut to Thanasis.]

Thanasis: It's a rigorous academic program for those who are academically inclined. They have all the qualifications to move on to a PhD program, whether here or elsewhere. Also, they obtain the analytical skills to be able to go and work immediately after, and to be able to face situations where analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities are basically required.

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[Cut to Kyel.]

Kyel: So, after school I want to pursue a career as an economist, so I can make an impact on the world by introducing policies and helping to really alleviate income inequality, alleviate poverty, and increase social welfare.

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[Cut to Thanasis.]

Thanasis: There is a sense of adventure in these students, and a sense of dedication, motivation, that they can make it irrespective of the difficulty of the program they face.

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[Cut to College of Business and Economics logo. Fade to black.]