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## What Can I Do with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics?

### About Economics

Do you ever wonder how and why people, organizations and government choose to spend their money on various goods and services? Why do some people save more than others? Why are certain goods/services in high demand one day, and then are almost worthless the next? Human behavior varies significantly of why people make certain economic choices. Economics is the study of the behavior of humans and government in response to having only limited resources to fulfill unlimited wants and needs. For people, resources include time, money and skill. For countries, resources include capital, labour force, technology, and natural resources, among others. This major focuses on the study of labour, land, and investments of money, income, production, and of taxes and government expenditures.

### Career/Job Opportunities

Economics majors are successful in a wide variety of careers. In particular, economics undergraduates attract many business employers since they are trained to recognize human behavior in relation to work, production, and consumption – a fundamental operation of most businesses. Employers value graduates with good decision-making capabilities, research and analytical skills, and their experience of viewing problems in a national and international context.

Some of the jobs found below require additional experience and education/training such as a master's or a doctorate level degree.

This career/job listing is only a sample of the opportunities available; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks, enter the four digit code listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Service Website ([www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca)) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

Loan Officer [#1232]	Economic Development Officer/Coordinator [#4163]	Investment Analyst Trainee [#1112]
Research Assistant [#4122 & #4164]	Budget Officer [#1114]	Claims Representative [#1233]
Insurance Agent [#1228]	Bank Inspector [#1114]	Claims Adjuster [#1233]



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Sales Manager [#0611]	Purchasing Agent [#1225]	Contractor Negotiator [#1225]
Mediator [#1121]	Educator/Trainer [#4131]	Land Negotiator [#1225]
Financial Institution Inspector [#1114]	Lawyer [#4112]	Political Campaign Manager
Professor [#4121]	Financial Planner [#1112]	Risk Manager [#0111]
Internal Audit Manager [#0111]	Foreign Exchange Trader [#1113]	Cost Financial Analyst [#1112]
Financial Economist [#4162]	Budget Analyst [#0412]	Foreign Service Officer [#4168]
Statistician [#2161]	Venture Capital Assistant [#0122]	Demographer [#2161]
Tax Economist [#4162]	Audit and Compliance Officer [#0111]	Population Studies Analyst [#0412]
Public Policy Analyst [#0412]	Revenue Programs Manager [#0412]	Lobbyist [#4164]
Actuary [#2161]	Public Administrator [#0411]	Underwriter [#1114]
International Trade Economist [#4162]	Business Consultant [#1122]	Compensation/Benefits Officer [#1432]
Price Management Analyst [#1122]	Market Researcher [#4163]	Industrial Economist [#4162]
Labour Relations Manager [#0112]	Money Market Analyst [#1112]	Economic Advisor [#4162]
Stockbroker [#1113]	Securities Trader [#1113]	Customs Inspector [#1128]
Municipal Tax Collector [#1228]	Cost Analyst [#1122]	Mortgage Consultant [#1232]
Trust Company Manager [#0122]	Bank Manager [#0122]	Securities Analyst [#1112]



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Portfolio Manager [#1112]	Citizenship Officer [#4164]	Consumer Advisor [#4164]
Employment Insurance Policy Analyst [#4164]	Human Rights Commission Officer [#4164]	Immigration Policy Advisor [#4164]
Labour Market Information Officer [#4164]	Trust Officer [#1114]	

**Employers** (not a comprehensive list)

Agricultural Companies	Economic Research Institutions	Management Consulting Firms
Trust Companies	Insurance Agencies	Stock Exchanges
Newspaper Agencies	Brokerage Firms	Real Estate Agencies
Commercial, Investment & Regional Banks	Transportation Companies	International Trade Companies
Investment Dealers	Manufacturing Firms	Oil Companies
Computer/Telecommunication Firms	Government Agencies	Statistical Research Firms
Consulting Firms	Hospitality & Tourism Industries	

**Major Skills obtained from BA – Economics** (not a comprehensive list)

Strong Data Acquisition Skills	Thorough Understanding of Economic Principles	Ability to Explain Complex Concepts and Theories to Others
Attention to Detail	Good Problem-Solving Skills	Strong Analytical Skills
Ability to Perform Statistical Analysis	Sound Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills	Competent in Various Data Analysis Techniques
Proficient Skills in Writing – Write Clear, Concise Technical Reports and Essays	Effective Analysts - Able to Analyze and Communicate the Results of an Analysis	Ability to Recognize Economic Trends and Patterns



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Effective Team Workers (including Multi-Cultural and Diverse Groups)	Have an Awareness of Ethical Understanding and Reasoning
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## Listing of Potential Employers

Alberta Health Services - [ahs.healthjobs.ab.ca/Search.aspx](http://ahs.healthjobs.ab.ca/Search.aspx)  
 Bank of America – [www.bankofamerica.com/careers](http://www.bankofamerica.com/careers)  
 Bank of Canada – [www.bank-banque-canada.ca](http://www.bank-banque-canada.ca)  
 BC Hydro – [www.bchydro.com/careers](http://www.bchydro.com/careers)  
 City of Calgary – [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)  
 City of Edmonton – [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)  
 City of Red Deer – [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca)  
 CRC Sogema Inc. - [www.crcsogema.com](http://www.crcsogema.com)  
 Deloitte and Touche – [www.careers.deloitte.com/gateway.aspx](http://www.careers.deloitte.com/gateway.aspx)  
 IHS Global Insight - [www.globalinsight.com/Careers/CareersOverview.htm](http://www.globalinsight.com/Careers/CareersOverview.htm)  
 Manitoba Hydro – [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca)  
 Ontario Power Generation - <http://www.mypowercareer.com/>  
 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – [www.pwcrecruiting.com](http://www.pwcrecruiting.com)  
 Provincial Government of Alberta – [www.jobs.alberta.ca](http://www.jobs.alberta.ca)  
 Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>

## General Job Search Websites

Albertajobs.com – [www.albertajobs.com](http://www.albertajobs.com)  
 Eluta: The Search Engine for New Jobs in Canada – [www.eluta.ca](http://www.eluta.ca)  
 Hireground Careers – [www.hgcareers.com](http://www.hgcareers.com)  
 Monster: Your calling is calling – [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)  
 Red Deer Job Shop – [www.reddeerjobshop.ca](http://www.reddeerjobshop.ca)  
 Service Canada: Job Bank - [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)  
 TalentEgg: hatching graduate careers – [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca)  
 Workopolis.com: Canada's Biggest Job Site - [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)  
 Wowjobs: One Click All Jobs - [www.wowjobs.ca](http://www.wowjobs.ca)

## Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

American Economic Association - [www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/)  
 Canadian Association for Business and Economics – [www.cabe.ca](http://www.cabe.ca)  
 Canadian Bankers Association – [www.cba.ca](http://www.cba.ca)  
 Canadian Economics Association – [www.economics.ca](http://www.economics.ca)  
 Canadian Securities Institute – [www.csi.ca/](http://www.csi.ca/)  
 National Economic Association – [www.ncat.edu/~neconasc/](http://www.ncat.edu/~neconasc/)  
 Western Economic Association International – [www.weainternational.org](http://www.weainternational.org)

## RDC Department Information

Bachelor of Arts: Economics -  
[http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future\\_students/departments/humanities\\_social\\_sciences/disciplines/economics/](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/departments/humanities_social_sciences/disciplines/economics/)



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<http://www.mcgill.ca/files/caps/economics.pdf>  
<http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/WhatCanIDo/economics.html>  
<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/students/>  
<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/students/WhatIsEconomics.htm>  
<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/social-science/economics-major.htm>  
[www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca)  
<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>