



Counselling & Career Centre



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.

If you would like to explore your interests, identify your goals; discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to either drop by the Counselling and Career Centre in room 1402 or call 403-343-4064 to make an appointment with the Career and Employment Services Coordinator.



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For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

With your education in Economics you could be a:

Loans 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	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



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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	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

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



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

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

Listing of Potential Employers

Alberta Health Services - ahs.healthjobs.ab.ca/Search.aspx

Bank of America – www.bankofamerica.com/careers

Bank of Canada – www.bank-banque-canada.ca

BC Hydro – www.bchydro.com/careers

City of Calgary – www.calgary.ca

City of Edmonton – www.edmonton.ca

City of Red Deer – www.reddeer.ca

CRC Sogema Inc. - www.crcsogema.com

Deloitte and Touche – www.careers.deloitte.com/gateway.aspx

IHS Global Insight - www.globalinsight.com/Careers/CareersOverview.htm

Manitoba Hydro – www.hydro.mb.ca

Ontario Power Generation - <http://www.mypowercareer.com/>

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – www.pwcrecruiting.com

Provincial Government of Alberta – www.jobs.alberta.ca

Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>



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General Job Search Websites

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

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

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

RDC Department Information

Bachelor of Arts: Economics –
http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/departments/humanities_social_sciences/disciplines/economics/

For More Info

Please contact the Career & Employment Services Coordinator
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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://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>