BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) ECONOMICS

How does a society manage, produce, and distribute its wealth and resources? Economics studies human behaviour to understand individual and societal decisions in terms of consumption, savings, investment, education, work, and distribution of wealth within households.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ECONOMICS DEGREE?

I COULD BE AN... economist, financial analyst, market research analyst, purchasing agent, management consultant, policy analyst, fund development co-ordinator.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY ECONOMICS

1. Acquire the tools to analyze the economic environment around you, and use this knowledge to make informed career and life decisions.

2. Economics focuses on incentives. Understanding incentives helps explain how people make decisions, individually or collectively. Learn how the economy responds to government intervention.

3. Develop quantitative, qualitative, and analytical skills. Learn how to describe and predict the drivers of economic development.

4. Economics provides excellent preparation for further studies at professional schools, including graduate studies, law school, MBA programs, and medical school.

5. Gain professional experience, make connections, network with professional economists and explore work options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:
- Finance
- Economics and Management of Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment (EMNREE)
- Community Engagement and Service-Learning
- International Learning
- Engaged Leadership and Citizenship in Arts & Science

PARTICIPATE IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
- Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Development economics
- Forecasting
- Energy economics
- Financial economics
- Industrial and firm organizations
- International economics
- Labour economics
- Monetary and fiscal policy
- Public finance
- Resources and environmental economics
- Urban and regional economics

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

A major in Economics requires:
- ECON 101 and 102, MATH 154 and 156 or equivalent, STAT 151 or equivalent, ECON 281, 282, 299, 384, 385, 399
- Plus a minimum of four courses in ECON options at the senior level, of which at least two courses must be at the 400-level.
- A maximum of 16 courses can be taken in ECON courses at the senior level.

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

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DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
GAIN EXPERIENCE
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

Volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practice self-care.

Check out case competitions, or the Career Centre’s Speaker Series.

Learn about overseas educational options; you could study abroad in Cortona in your first year!

Use your academic resources, such as Centre for Writers, Financial Aid, tutors, Academic Success Centre, and Accessibility Resources.

MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

Apply into BA Honors to challenge yourself with independent study and work closely with faculty mentors.

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.

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Study abroad and receive guaranteed credit in Cortona or e3 Programs.

Ask professors to be academic references.

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