BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)
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.

REASON TO STUDY ECONOMICS HONORS

The program is excellent preparation for graduate studies in Economics, other social sciences, or law. As an Honors student, promotion from one year to the next requires a GPA of at least 3.0, with an average of at least 3.3 in all Economics courses.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ECONOMICS HONORS DEGREE?

Graduate studies in economics, political science, or law. Research assistant, such as for the Bank of Canada.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

• Development economics
• Energy economics
• Financial economics
• Forecasting
• Industrial and firm organizations
• International economics
• Labour economics
• Monetary and fiscal policy
• Public finance
• Resources and environmental economics
• Data analysis and programming

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 Honors route for graduate study in Economics requires:

• ECON 101 and 102, MATH 125, 154 and 156, STAT 161 or equivalent,
• ECON 281, 282, 299, 384, 385, 386, 387, 399, 481, 482, 497,
• STAT 161 and ECON 299 can be substituted by STAT 265, 266.
• The Honors essay route also requires 24 credits in ECON electives, including two courses at the 400 level and a capstone project, but does not require ECON 387 and 497.
• The graduate study route requires 21 credits in ECON electives.

For Combined Honors, contact the Economics Department.

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.

ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

• Economics and Management of Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment (EMNREE)
• Finance

OR A COMBINED HONORS WITH:

• Political Sciences
• Mathematics
Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practise self-care.

Join a student club to build connections on campus. Try the AECC to find friends with similar interests.

Attend seminars from the Institute of Public Economics, including the Hanson Lecture.

EARLY DEGREE
Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.

Explore courses in math and stats, including calculus and linear algebra. Consider Combined Honors.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews

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

Apply to become an ECON 101/102 tutor.

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

Choose between an Honors route for graduate study in Economics, the Honors essay route, or a combined Honors.

Compete in case studies competitions.

Ask two or three professors to be academic references.

Seek research opportunities with an economics professor.

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

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

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps.

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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!