What can I do with a Major in **Economics**?

**The Economics Program at the University of Lethbridge**

Economics is the study of how to best allocate valuable resources in a world where resources are scarce. Economists develop policies to address some of the world's toughest problems, like chronic poverty, poor sanitation, literacy and education, racial and gender equality, feeding populations and defining legal rights. Economists also understand where to draw the line between the roles of government and the private sector in the economy.

Studying Economics teaches you how to think critically and analytically. Students develop the skills needed to be able to look at real-world social, economic and political problems and find positive solutions using economic principles. The Department of Economics offers a major in Economics for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts and Science degree programs. Students may also choose to complete a Bachelor of Management, majoring in Economics. Visit the Economics Management Website for more information.

**Skills Developed**

- Analyze and Communicate Results
- Business Maturity
- Clear Writing
- Computer Literacy
- Concentration
- Concise Technical Reports
- Create & Evaluate Reports/Statements
- Data Analysis Techniques
- Decision Making Ability
- Define Problems
- Express Complex Ideas
- Interest in Current Affairs
- Logical Analysis
- Manipulate Numerical Data
- Negotiation
- Public Speaking
- Relate Theory to Practice
- Self-Motivated
- Time Management
- Work Well Under Pressure

**Work Environments**

A degree in Economics prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities, such as careers in marketing, real estate, consulting, business, finance, administration, government, agriculture, health sciences, natural resources, manufacturing, trades and transport, and academic/research institutions. Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts and Science in Economics also provides an excellent foundation for Law, Management or Education.
Key Areas of Specialization:

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Assistant Actuarial Analyst
- Associate Agricultural Economist
- Bank Operations/Process Specialist
- Economic Research Intern
- Entry-Level Analytics Associate
- Entry-level Financial Planner
- Investment Services Assistant
- Junior Advisor/Assistant Advisor
- Management Trainee
- Pricing Data Analyst
- Program Assistant
- Project Analyst Intern
- Real Estate Researcher
- Sales & Marketing Database Analyst
- Sales Agent
- Statistical Clerk

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Agricultural Economist
- Business Economist
- Cost Determinations Economist
- Development Economist
- Econometrician
- Economic Advisor
- Economic Analyst
- Economic Business Analyst
- Economic Consultant
- Economic Consumer Advisor
- Economic Planning Analyst
- Economic Policy Adviser/Analyst
- Economic Policy Researcher
- Economic Research Group Supervisor
- Economist
- Energy Economist
- Environmental Economist
- Farm Economist
- Financial Economist
- Financial Market Economist
- Fiscal Economic Analyst
- Forecasting Analyst
- Forest Economist
- Forest Resources Economist
- Health Economist
- Human Resources Economist
- Industrial Economist
- Industrial Organization Economist
- Industrial Relations Economist
- Industrial Trade Economist
- International Economist
- International Trade Economist
- Investment Economist
- Labour Economist
- Labour Market Information Analyst
- Land Use Economist
- Macroeconomist/Monetary Economist
- Mathematical Economist
- Natural Resources Economist
- Price Economist
- Professor of Economics
- Public Finance Economist
- Regional Economist
- Resource Economist
- Risk Management Analyst
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Actuary
- Advertising Manager
- Advisor
- Assessor
- Branch Manager
- Business Analyst
- Compensation/Benefits Coordinator
- Consultant
- Cost Estimator
- Credit/Loan Manager
- Customs Broker
- Demographer
- Diplomat
- General Manager
- Health Policy Planner
- Insurance Agent & Broker
- Insurance Claim Investigators – Examiner & Adjuster
- Investment Banker
- Journalist
- Labour Relations Researcher
- Lawyer
- Legislative Assistant
- Office Manager
- Professor
- Profit Investment Coordinator
- Real Estate Agent
- Retail Salesperson & Sales Clerk
- Sales & Marketing Representative
- Small Business Owner/Investor
- Statistician
- Technical Writer Compensation Analyst
- Training & Development Specialist
- Treasury Analyst
- Trust Administrator
- Underwriter
- Venture Capitalist

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Economics and its career opportunities.

Canadian Economics Association
http://economics.ca

Canadian Association for Business Economics
http://www.cabe.ca

Economic Developers Association of Canada
http://www.edac.ca

Economic Developers Alberta
http://www.eda.alberta.ca/

Alberta Agriculture Economics Association
http://www.aaea.ab.ca

Alberta Learning Information Service Occupational Profiles
Economist & Environmental Economist

International Economic Society
http://www.econ-society.org/

The Economist
http://www.economist.com

American Economics Association
http://www.aeaweb.org/

International Economic Association
http://www.ama.org

International Economic Development Council
http://www.iedconline.org/

National Association for Business Economics
http://www.nabe.com
Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)  

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  

Academic Advising  
[http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising)

Native Student Advising  

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  

Accommodated Learning Centre  

International Centre for Students  
[http://www.uleth.ca/international/](http://www.uleth.ca/international/)

Registrar Office & Student Services  

Scholarship & Students Finance  

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs  
[http://www.ulsu.ca/](http://www.ulsu.ca/)

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board  
[CES Job board](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/)

Arts & Science Applied Studies  
[http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students](http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students)

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship  
[http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop](http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop)

Management Co-op Education  

Study Abroad & Exchanges  
[http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges](http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges)

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[http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad](http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad)

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Career & Employment Services (CES)  
CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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