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Faculty of Arts & Science
Economics

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Whether you're looking for a more in-depth learning experience by assisting with research projects or by testing your knowledge in a real-life setting, we can help. Combined with your required coursework, the programs outlined below will provide you with a solid foundation for further studies and an excellent framework for a challenging and rewarding career—whatever direction you decide to go.

Research and Independent Studies

In addition to your regular courses, you have the opportunity to participate in Independent Studies. You're able to contribute to departmental activities by volunteering on research projects or through employment as a Research Assistant.

If your GPA is high enough, you can also enrol in undergraduate thesis-based courses where research is a component of your studies. There are field school opportunities available in some disciplines, as well as many opportunities to study abroad.

For current Research or Independent Studies opportunities, contact the Department directly.

Applied Studies

Applied Studies is another special opportunity offered to all Arts & Science students as a way to earn course credit for career-related paid, volunteer or Community Service work experience. This program is specially designed to allow you to integrate principles learned in the classroom in a practical work setting.

For more information on Applied Studies, visit:
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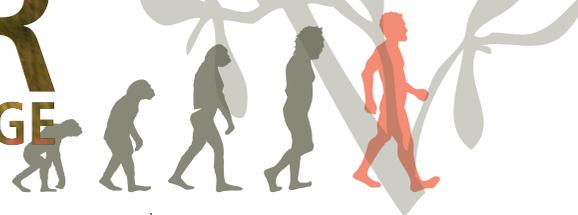
The Faculty of Arts & Science is proud to offer you the chance to participate in our award-winning Co-op Program—the only one of its kind in Alberta. Co-op allows you to gain work experience directly related to your studies and make invaluable contacts in the workforce, all while earning a competitive salary. Completion of the program allows you to receive a Co-op designation on your degree and, most importantly, a kick-start to your career the minute you graduate.

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What is the study of Economics all about?

Economics is a behavioral science that studies the conditions under which individuals provide the best possible satisfaction of their needs. It is not specifically about money, things or material objects—it's about the consequences of individual decisions made under conditions of scarcity.

Everybody thinks of and deals with economics whether they are aware of it or not. It concerns everybody and everything, transcending time and space, and is at the core of our civilization and human existence. It is a means of looking at all human interaction, regardless of culture, race or gender.

As an Economics student, you will gain a deep understanding of the decision-making process at the individual, firm or government level. You will learn how unhampered market processes lead to efficient production of goods and services, and the effects of interfering with these processes.

You will deal with a variety of topics, such as the comparison of economic systems, the economics of marriage and family, as well as banking and private property rights. You'll also delve into current concerns like employment, inflation, government bailouts, the national debt, nonrenewable resources, agriculture and the environment.

An education in economics prepares you for a wide variety of jobs and serves as an excellent foundation from which to pursue law school or other advanced degree work. Employment possibilities range from policy-oriented work with private firms, foundations or trade associations to technically-oriented work with public sector agencies or private firms.

Economics Courses

The Department offers a major in Economics for the 40-course Bachelor of Arts (BA) or the Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc) degree programs. As an Economics major, you can also pursue a combined BA/BEd or BA/BMgt degree. Either program offers you an in-depth look at the theory and application of proven economic principles.

Alternatively, you can opt for a General Major in the Social Sciences and select Economics as one of your three streams, or study the economic aspects of the university's Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Studies, Canadian Studies or Urban and Regional Studies programs.

For more information on any of the degrees listed above, see your Program Planning Guide or speak to an Academic Advisor.

Economics based course selections include subjects like:

- Micro & Macroeconomics
- International Economics
- International Finance
- Econometrics
- Industrial Organization
- Money & Banking
- Mathematical Economics
- Economic & Business Forecasting
- International Trade Theory
- Environmental Economics
- Natural Resource Economics
- Development Economics

Honours Thesis

If your GPA is high enough in your fourth year, you can opt to complete an Undergraduate Thesis course. This is an excellent opportunity for you to earn an "Honours Thesis" designation on your degree. Contact the Department for information.



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I had the opportunity to travel to Ottawa, New York and Boston to participate in international conferences with other delegates from around the world to debate important global issues. This has changed the way I look at the world.

Robbie Rolfe

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What are your Future Prospects?

Skills Acquired

Studying Economics teaches you how to think critically and analytically. In this program, you will develop the skills needed to be able to look at real-world social, economic and political problems to find positive solutions using economic principles. You will also develop your written and oral communication skills, as well strong information acquisition and management skills—all highly valued in any business, industry or government department.

Graduate Studies

Research in Economics is traditionally undertaken by students holding a Master's Degree (MA) or a Doctorate (PhD). Your undergrad degree will prepare you for post-graduate studies, whether you choose to do your Master's here at the University of Lethbridge or another institution anywhere in the world.

Professional Disciplines

Your Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts and Science in Economics also provides an excellent foundation for Law, Management or Education.

Our Faculty & Their Research

Faculty members at the University of Lethbridge are happy to involve undergraduate students in their research projects, using state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. Our faculty members often collaborate with other departments, community members and employers on research projects—giving you the opportunity to get additional hands-on experience.

Related Fields

There are numerous interesting and powerful career options open to Economics graduates, like:

- Finance
- Foreign trade
- Government
- Business Management
- Banking & Financial Services
- Trade & Development
- Budget Consulting
- Strategic Planning
- Economic Geography
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Taxation
- Insurance Management

Current Research & Areas of Interest:

- Applied Microeconomics
- Agricultural Economics
- Natural Resources & Environmental Economics
- Aspects of Gold & Bimetallic Standards
- Economic History of Canada
- Consumer Behaviour
- Public Economics
- Econometrics/Statistics
- Economics, Savings, Finance & Debt in Third World Countries
- International Aid
- Economic Impacts of Climate Change
- Economics of Amateur & Professional Sport
- Global Population & the Economy (Prentice Institute)

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