



Faculty of Arts & Science
Economics



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Economics at uLethbridge

Economics is a behavioural 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 Degrees. The Department of Economics 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. Economic aspects are also explored within the agricultural biotechnology, agricultural studies, Canadian studies and urban & regional studies programs.

Economics Courses. Economics based course selections include subjects like:

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| • Micro & Macroeconomics | • International Economics |
| • International Economics | • Environmental Economics |
| • International Finance | • Natural Resource Economics |
| • Econometrics | • Development Economics |
| • Industrial Organization | • Labour Economics |
| • Money & Banking | • Public Finance |
| • Mathematical Economics | • Agricultural Economics |
| • Economic & Business Forecasting | |

Minors. Adding a minor to your degree is a great way to explore academic interests beyond your major. A minor is a set of courses comprising a secondary focus of interest. It is generally not related to your major. A minor may be required or optional. Minors are not available in all programs.

The minor in economics is available as an add on to all majors in the BA, BSc and BASc except the major in economics and the general major in the social sciences if economics is chosen as one of the three streams.

Learn more at ulethbridge.ca/artsci/minors.

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.

Learn more about Economics at uLethbridge, visit ulethbridge.ca/economics

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.

Current Research & Areas of Interest:

- Applied Microeconomics
- Agricultural Economics
- Natural Resources Economics
- Environmental Economics
- Econometrics/Statistics
- International Aid
- Economics of Amateur & Professional Sport
- Global Population & the Economy (Prentice Institute)
- International Economics
- Labour Economics
- Economics of Education
- Health Economics
- Development Economics



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 as strong information acquisition and management skills — all highly valued in any business, industry or government department.

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

Graduate Studies. The University of Lethbridge's School of Graduate Studies offers graduate programs, at the Master and Doctoral levels, spanning over 60 disciplines — so why not consider pursuing grad school right here in Lethbridge! Whether you choose to do your advanced studies at uLethbridge or another institution, know that your undergraduate degree has set you on the path to post-graduate success.

Professional Disciplines. Your undergraduate degree in economics also provides an excellent foundation for law, management and education.

Discover what's trending in Economics.

"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, BA (Co-op) '11



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Put Your Knowledge to Work

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.

Applied Studies

Applied Studies is a special opportunity offered to all uLethbridge 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:
ulethbridge.ca/appliedstudies

Co-operative Education

The Faculty of Arts & Science is proud to offer you the chance to participate in our co-op program — the only one of its kind in Alberta to offer co-op to all majors in arts and science. 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.

For more information on Co-operative Education, visit: ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge

Research & 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.

Academic Advising

Your decision to explore a university education is the first step toward a great future — now let us help you navigate your degree options at uLethbridge and set you on the road to success. Do you have questions about what field of study best suits you? Would you like help with program and registration planning and just can't find the answers? If so, you should **speak to an academic advisor today** — advisors have the answers to these questions and many more.

To learn more about the support services available to you through our academic advisors, visit: ulethbridge.ca/artsci/advising

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*This brochure should be used in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge calendar, which is the final authority regarding program requirements and academic regulations.