

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

## Bachelor of Arts in Economics?



### Know What's Expected

Economics gives us a way of understanding how to make best use of natural resources, machinery, and people's work efforts. If you major in Economics, employers will expect that you have an interest in analyzing government policies, growth and development, surpluses and deficits. Knowledge of computer systems in particular, preparation and interpretation of visual data representations is important. French may be an asset in some positions.

### Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Teamwork skills
- Knowledge of business management
- Competency in data analysis software
- Knowledge of current social trends

### What Employers Want to See

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests. By getting involved on-campus (for societies visit [mountstudents.ca](http://mountstudents.ca)) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at [msvu.ca/CCRP](http://msvu.ca/CCRP) and present this official document to future employers.

### Necessary Skills

- Leadership
- Researching and writing skills
- Organization
- Project Management
- Strong Analytical skills
- Computer Skills

### Where Can You Work?

An Economics Major is relevant for students hoping to find employment in a wide variety of fields. Graduates from Economics programs may find careers in communications, culture, law, education, religion and administration.

An Economics degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—Economics webpage for more information.

### Possible Job Titles

- Policy Analyst
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Planning/Budget Manager
- Market Research Analyst
- Banks/Financial Institutions Consultant
- Insurance Risk Manager
- International Trader
- Planning/Budget Manager
- Stock Broker

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### Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Government
- Financial Institutions
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Student Societies
- Students' Union

Visit [msvu.ca/ccrp](http://msvu.ca/ccrp) for more local organizations.

### Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at [msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://msvu.ca/careerplanning) for links to frequently used job boards.

### Professional Associations

Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- Canadian Association for Business Economics – CABE  
[www.cabe.ca](http://www.cabe.ca)
- Canadian Economics Association  
[www.economics.ca](http://www.economics.ca)
- Canadian Health Economists' Study Group  
[www.chesg.ca](http://www.chesg.ca)
- Canadian Law and Economics Association  
[www.canlecon.org](http://www.canlecon.org)
- International Health Economics Association (IHEA)  
[www.healtheconomics.org](http://www.healtheconomics.org)

### MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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