

## What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts – Economics Major?

### Knowing 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 are fascinated with analyzing government policies, growth and development, surpluses as well as deficits then you will enjoy the options that the Economics Major affords.

Jobs in economics require a strong command of language, and ideas. Ability to collect, organize data, interpret and evaluate events, and information accurately and to detail is important.

Knowledge of computer systems in particular, preparation and interpretation of visual data representations is important.

### Transferable Skills

- ❖ Good interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Knowledge of business management and social trends
- ❖ Willing to work well with others
- ❖ Data acquisition skills
- ❖ Competency in various data analysis techniques
- ❖ Critical thinking skills
- ❖ Writing and reporting skills
- ❖ Competency in the use of technical analysis software

### Your Choices

An English Major offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. As a result, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, law, religion, and administration.

\*\*Some of these occupations will require further education.

### Careers for Economics Majors

- ❖ Teaching
- ❖ Policy Analysis
- ❖ Financial Planner
- ❖ Foreign Affairs Officer
- ❖ Planning/Budget Manager
- ❖ Labor Relations Specialist
- ❖ Market Research Analyst
- ❖ Realtor
- ❖ Insurance Agent
- ❖ Banks/Financial Institutions Consultant
- ❖ Account Executive
- ❖ Security
- ❖ Insurance
- ❖ International Trader
- ❖ Planning/Budget Manager
- ❖ Stock Broker

### Necessary Skills

- ❖ Researching And Writing Skills
- ❖ Organizing
- ❖ Project Management
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Strong Analytical Skills
- ❖ Computer Skills

## What Employers Want

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 in on-campus societies see-[www.mountstudents.ca](http://www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

### Associations

Why join now? 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  
<http://www.cabe.ca/>
- ❖ Canadian Economics Association  
CEA <http://economics.ca/>
- ❖ Canadian Law and Economics Association -CLEA  
<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/clea>
- ❖ Canadian Health Economics Research Association –  
CHERA <http://www.chera.ca/>

## Available Reference Materials

### *What to Do With Your Degree*

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Economics Major (Yellow Binder)
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

### *Occupation Information*

- ❖ Careers For Number Crunchers & Other Quantitative Types
- ❖ [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

### *Directories*

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

## Job Searching

### *Job Hunting Websites*

- ❖ [www.msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://www.msvu.ca/careerplanning)
- ❖ The Halifax Herald  
[www.jobspress.com](http://www.jobspress.com)
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission  
[www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ](http://www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ)
- ❖ Government of Canada  
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers  
[www.acc.net](http://www.acc.net)

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