

What can I do with a major in *ECONOMICS*?

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT ECONOMICS GRADUATES POSSESS:

- logical, analytical and strategic thinking capability
- ability to comprehend and explain abstract, complex concepts and theories to others
- ability to research and conduct quantitative analysis of data
- ability to identify trends and extrapolate projections based on analyzed data
- ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with others
- ability to evaluate and solve problems creatively

It is important to enhance and diversify your skills and knowledge with work, volunteer, research and field study experiences while in university.

EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS ECONOMICS GRADUATES HAVE PURSUED:

Economics graduates can pursue a variety of career paths, including those that might not seem to have a direct connection to economics at first glance. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some examples:

DIRECT career paths: The skills and knowledge acquired in an economics education is often required or considered an asset in the following positions.	LESS DIRECT career paths: The generic skills and knowledge obtained in a liberal arts education are pertinent in the following positions.	The following paths may require FURTHER STUDY or SPECIALIZED TRAINING* in addition to a Bachelor of Arts in economics.
Business/Market Analysts prepare analyses of market trends and forecast reports to inform business decisions. They work in consulting firms, businesses, governments, educational and financial institutions.	Actuaries analyze process and statistical data to assess and monitor the likelihood of undesirable events. They work in businesses, insurance companies, government and consulting firms.	Audit Managers conduct financial and systems audits for organizations or government units. They create reports and make recommendations for improvements.
Business Consultants provide guidance and advice to leaders and owners on the operations and management of their businesses. They work independently or in consulting companies.	Business/Office Managers manage all financial operations of an office or business, including budgeting, accounting, payroll and financial statements.	Financial Reporters research, write and edit articles, blogs or commentaries on financial-related matters. They work for publications or independently.
Community/Economic Development Officers identify and develop programs to stimulate or support economic development in a geographical area. They work in local government, community, or business organizations.	Fund Development Officers build and maintain relationships with stakeholders. They plan and coordinate initiatives or campaigns to raise money for non-profit organizations and agencies.	Strategic Planners gather, organize and analyze information to create, review and revise budget and strategic plans of organizations. They work for businesses, governments, other public institutions and consulting firms.
Equities Broker/Traders analyze market information to forecast stock performance and make real-time trading decisions on behalf of a client or company. They work in trading firms or as independent agents.	Insurance Adjusters investigate insurance claims and make recommendations on payments and settlements. They work in insurance companies or independent adjusting firms.	*NOTE: Qualifications for similar jobs might vary depending on the employer. Try checking with the employer(s) you're interested in working for to see what they require and recommend in terms of education and/or experience.
Political and Economic Affairs Officers advocate and promote Canada's interests on political and economic matters in interactions with other countries. They work in the Foreign Affairs department of the federal or provincial government.	Planners/Schedulers coordinate and schedule space, events, tasks or workers to ensure smooth and effective operations. They work in educational institutions, media companies, or construction, transportation or engineering firms.	

WANT MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Available in MacEwan University Libraries:

- Economic Careers: economics and economists in Britain 1930-1970 – *Keith Tribe*

Additional Resources (Available Online):

- American Economic Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Be An Actuary
- Canadian Economics Association
- Canadian Women Economists Network
- Economic Developers Association of Canada
- Internet Site for Economists (INOMICS)
- The Investment Funds Institute of Canada

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