

Economics, Bachelor of Arts

Do you ever wonder how and why people, organizations and government choose to spend their money on various goods and services? Why do some people save more than others? Why are certain goods/services in high demand one day, and then are almost worthless the next? Human behavior varies significantly of why people make certain economic choices. Economics is the study of the behavior of humans and government in response to having only limited resources to fulfill unlimited wants and needs. For people, resources include time, money and skill. For countries, resources include capital, labour force, technology, and natural resources, among others. This major focuses on the study of labour, land, and investments of money, income, production, and of taxes and government expenditures.

What you can be with your Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts Degree:

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| Loans Officer #1232 | Economic Development Officer/Coordinator #4163 | Investment Analyst Trainee #1112 | Research Assistant #4122/#4164 |
| Budget Officer #1114 | Claims Representative #1233 | Insurance Agent #1228 | Bank Inspector #1114 |
| Claims Adjuster #1233 | Sales Manager #0611 | Purchasing Agent #1225 | Contractor Negotiator #1225 |
| Mediator #1121 | Land Negotiator #1225 | Financial Institution Inspector #1114 | Lawyer #4112 |
| Political Campaign Manager | Financial Planner #1112 | Risk Manager #0111 | Internal Audit Manager #0111 |
| Foreign Exchange Trader #1113 | Cost Financial Analyst #1112 | Budget Analyst #0412 | Statistician #2161 |
| Demographer #2161 | Tax Economist #4162 | Audit and Compliance Officer # 0111 | Population Studies Analyst #0412 |
| Public Policy Analyst #0412 | Revenue Programs Manager #0412 | Lobbyist #4164 | Actuary #2161 |
| Public Administrator #0411 | Underwriter #1114 | International Trade Economist #4162 | Business Consultant #1122 |
| Compensation/benefits Officer #1432 | Price Management Analyst #1122 | Market Researcher #4163 | Industrial Economist #4162 |
| Labour Relations Manager #0112 | Money Market Analyst #1112 | Economic Advisor #4162 | Stockbroker #1113 |
| Securities Trader | Customs Inspector | Municipal Tax | Venture Capital Assistant #0122 |

With additional education I could be a:

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| Cost Analyst #1122 | Mortgage Consultant #1232 | Trust Company Manager #0122 | Bank Manager #0122 |
| Securities Analyst #1112 | Portfolio Manager #1112 | Citizenship Officer #4164 | Consumer Advisor #4164 |
| Employment Insurance Policy Analyst #4164 | Human Rights Commission Officer #4164 | Immigration Policy Advisor #4164 | Labour Market Information Officer #4164 |

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four-digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC>)

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Information: Economics, Bachelor of Arts Degree

<https://rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts/bachelor-arts-economics>

Potential employers:

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| Agricultural Companies | Economic Research Institutions | Management Consulting Firms | Trust Companies |
| Insurance Agencies | Newspaper Agencies | Brokerage Firms | Stock Exchanges |
| Real Estate Agencies | Commercial, Investment & Regional Banks | Transportation Companies | International Trade Companies |
| Investment Dealers | Manufacturing Firms | Oil Companies | Consulting Firms |
| Government Agencies | Statistical Research Firms | Computer/Telecommunication Firms | Hospitality & Tourism Industries |

Major Skills Obtained:

- Strong data acquisition skills
- Good problem-solving skills
- Competent in various data analysis
- Techniques effective team workers (including multi-cultural and diverse groups)
- Thorough understanding of economic principles
- Strong analytical skills
- Proficient skills in writing – write clear, concise technical reports and essays
- Have an awareness of ethical understanding and reasoning
- Ability to explain complex concepts and theories to others
- Ability to perform statistical analysis
- Effective analysts - able to analyze and communicate the results of an analysis
- Attention to detail
- Sound critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to recognize economic trends and patterns

Professional associations and sites of interest

American Economic Association - www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/

Canadian Association for Business and Economics – www.cabe.ca

Canadian Bankers Association – www.cba.ca Canadian Economics Association – www.economics.ca

Canadian Securities Institute – www.csi.ca/

National Economic Association – www.ncat.edu/~neconasc/

Western Economic Association International – www.weainternational.org