What Can I Do with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics?

About Economics
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.

Career/Job Opportunities
Economics majors are successful in a wide variety of careers. In particular, economics undergraduates attract many business employers since they are trained to recognize human behavior in relation to work, production, and consumption – a fundamental operation of most businesses. Employers value graduates with good decision-making capabilities, research and analytical skills, and their experience of viewing problems in a national and international context.

The ALIS (Alberta Learning Information Service) [http://alis.alberta.ca](http://alis.alberta.ca) and the Working in Canada [http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca](http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca) websites provide information about wages, education requirements, local and national employment prospects, interests and skill requirements for graduates of the Bachelor of Arts – Economics degree.

If you would like to explore your interests, identify your goals; discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to either drop by the Counselling and Career Centre in room 1402 or call 403-343-4064 to make an appointment with the Career and Employment Services Coordinator.

This career/job listing is only a sample of the opportunities available; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree. 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/).

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With your education in Economics you could be a:

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Employers (not a comprehensive list)

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<td>Consulting Firms</td>
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Major Skills obtained from Bachelor of Arts – Economics (not a comprehensive list)

- 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

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• 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

Listing of Potential Employers
Red Deer College – www.rcdc.employment
City of Red Deer – www.reddeer.ca
Alberta Health Services - ahs.healthjobs.ab.ca/Search.aspx
Bank of America – www.bankofamerica.com/careers
BC Hydro – www.bchydro.com/careers
City of Calgary – www.calgary.ca
City of Edmonton – www.edmonton.ca
CRC Sogema Inc. - www.crcsogema.com
IHS Global Insight - www.globalinsight.com/Careers/CareersOverview.htm
Manitoba Hydro – www.hydro.mb.ca
PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP – www.pwcrecruiting.com
Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/

General Job Search Websites:
• www.rcdc.employment Red Deer College Job Opportunities
• http://rdc.ca/about/human-resources/employment/student-employment Red Deer College Online Job Posting Board
• www.reddeer.ca City of Red Deer
• http://rdcounty.ca/ Red Deer County
• http://www.reddeechamber.com Red Deer Chamber of Commerce
• www.reddeerconstruction.com Red Deer Construction Association
• www.carmagroup.ca Central Albert Rural Manufacturing Association
• www.jobbank.gc.ca
• http://ca.indeed.com/?r=us
• www.chr.alberta.ca/jobs Alberta provincial government
• www.jobs.gc.ca Federal government

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- www.healthjobs.ab.ca Alberta Health Services
- http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Human-Resources.php Red Deer Public School District
- www.eluta.ca
- www.reddeerjobshop.ca
- http://reddeer.kijiji.ca
- www.wegotjobs.ca
- http://talentegg.ca/
- http://www.diversifiedstaffing.com/
- www.jobster.com
- http://www.extremejobs.ca/
- http://charityvillage.com/
- http://www.tagrecruitmentgroup.com/
- http://www.glassdoor.ca/index.htm
- www.alberta-canada.com/jobs
- www.wowjobs.ca
- www.jobpostings.ca
- www.workopolis.com
- www.albertajobs.com
- www.monster.ca
- www.linkedin.com
- www.careerbuilder.ca
- http://volunteercentral.ca/
- http://www.manpowerab.com/
- http://www.diversifiedstaffing.com/
- http://www.visitreddeer.com/
- http://contactpoint.ca/jobs/
- www.simplyhired.ca

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/
Western Economic Association International – www.weainternational.org

RDC Department Information
Bachelor of Arts: Economics -
http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/departments/humanities_social_sciences/disciplines/economics/

For More Info
Please contact the Career & Employment Services Coordinator
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http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/WhatCanIDo/economics.html
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/students/
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/students/WhatIsEconomics.htm
http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/social-science/economics-major.htm
www.alis.gov.ab.ca
http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/