



# ECONOMICS

## What is the study of Economics?

The study of economics helps us understand our world by examining the following: wages and employment, economic growth, productivity, wealth and poverty, government budgets and taxation, resource exploitation, business practices, inflation, recession and regional economic differences. In Economics, the history and current reality of these issues are studied and the principles and techniques necessary to gain a sound understanding of the choices and problems facing us during our lifetime are delineated.

## What is unique about Economics at the UM?

The Department is committed to providing up-to-date education in the core skills that give economics majors a competitive edge in careers where an understanding and analysis of the economy, its institutions, its quantitative indicators, and of economic policy, is desirable. The department offers 2 streams in the Advanced and Honours degree programs: Economics and Econometrics and Economics and Society. Our BA Advanced Major and the Honours programs provide an in-depth and specialized knowledge of the discipline, as well as an appreciation of the range and nature of the debates and of the contemporary and evolving approaches within economics. The Honours program is especially unique in providing an intellectually interesting, as well as challenging, education to our students. The general major in Economics program provides a broader education that is useful to students interested in completing their degree in three years.

The Department of Economics offers a regular Friday afternoon seminar series that has been running for 50 years and is the oldest in the faculty. Many faculty members have won recognition for their research at the local and national level. In recent years, the department has hired a number of new and enthusiastic faculty members with diverse interests and a commitment to teaching and scholarship.

## Program Options

B.A. Honours Program - 4 years  
B.A. Double Honours Program - 4 years  
B.A. Advanced Major - 4 years  
B.A. General Major - 3 years  
Minor  
One of two different streams in Economics must be selected in the Advanced and Honours degree programs:  
Economics and Econometrics Stream  
Economics and Society Stream

## Career Opportunities

Client Services Representative  
Employee Benefits Coordinator  
Economic Development Consultant  
Entrepreneur  
Financial Advisor  
Trade Officer