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PROGRAM OPTIONS
B.A. HONOURS: 4 YEARS // B.A. ADVANCED: 4 YEARS
B.A. GENERAL: 3 YEARS

MAP OUT YOUR CAREER PATHWAY
FROM THE START OF YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY!



ECONOMICS COMPASS

This tool will provide you with the information you need for academic planning and connect you with experiences to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes that employers are seeking.

ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

The economy is important to all Canadians, and economics is the field of study that helps us understand our world: wages and employment, economic growth, productivity, wealth and poverty, government budgets and taxations, resource exploitation, business practices, inflation, recession and regional economic differences.

As an economics student in the Faculty of Arts, you will study the history and current reality of these issues. The commitment of the department to a broad range of perspectives has stimulated the development of a variety of interdisciplinary programs including the global political economy and labour studies programs. The department of economics also offers joint honours programs in collaboration with the departments of mathematics and statistics.

SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN BY STUDYING ECONOMICS

- A knowledge of the principles and techniques necessary to gain a sound understanding of the choices and problems facing us during our lifetime
- The ability to collect, analyze and interpret data using statistical analysis and make reasoned judgments on the basis of the available data
- The ability to think critically and develop innovative solutions to real-world issues
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

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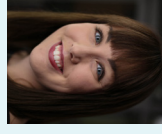
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WE ARE HERE TO HELP
The university wants you to succeed in all areas of your life! Visit these resources and help centres:

- ### RECOMMENDED ANNUAL CHECKLIST
- ❑ Know the degree requirements and university regulations that apply to your program
 - ❑ Meet with an academic advisor to ensure your academic plan meets degree requirements
 - ❑ Obtain department approval for the honours program
 - ❑ Check in with a career consultant to review progress on your career plan
 - ❑ Update your resumé and LinkedIn profile with applicable experiences
 - ❑ Get involved outside of the classroom and get recognized on your Co-Curricular Record



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"My [volunteer and work] experiences at the University of Manitoba are very diverse which has allowed me to grow academically and increase my civil mindedness. They also make valuable additions to my resumé."

Breann Whitby, economics student

Read stories of alumni and senior students who mapped their own academic and career plan to fit with their skills, abilities and interests:
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WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?

Industries such as banking and financial services, business, government and insurance would value an economics degree in combination with the employability skills that are highly sought after by employers. These include:*

- Oral and written communication
- Numeracy and data use
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Digital technology
- Industry specific knowledge
- Continuous learning

Attain skills through your classroom education by taking advantage of experiential education opportunities.

**Information has been taken directly from Employability Skills 2000+ and Workplace Education Manitoba – Essential Skills.*

WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?

Experiential education will enhance your classroom education by giving you hands-on experience that will resonate with employers. The University of Manitoba offers a wide variety of programs designed to facilitate your personal growth, connect you with others and ignite your active engagement in the local and global community.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Work experience opportunities
- International student exchanges, international internships and travel study
- Local and international service-learning opportunities
- Undergraduate research and entrepreneurship
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities

The Economics Compass provides you with suggestions of how and when to use opportunities to make the most of your university experience. You may follow these guidelines or map out your own route.



ECONOMICS COMPASS

B.A. Honours: 4 years
B.A. Advanced: 4 years
B.A. General: 3 years

	ACADEMIC SUCCESS	CAREER TIPS	VOLUNTEER & WORK EXPERIENCE	CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES	
<p>YEAR 1 30 CREDITS</p>	<p>Course requirements: ECON 1010 and 1020 or 1210 and 1220 Honours or advanced: plus MATH 1500 or 1520</p> <p>To do this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the requirements for your degree. Meet with an academic advisor in the Faculty of Arts to help you plan your program. 2. If you need academic support, visit the Math Help Centre or attend a Supplemental Instruction session through the Academic Learning Centre. 	<p>Start planning your career:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with a career consultant to generate career ideas based on your interests, values, personality and skills. 2. Research occupations that match your skills and interests. 3. Set up a careerCONNECT account to view job postings and register for workshops and events. 4. Register for the Co-Curricular Record (CCR), an official record of university-approved activities. 	<p>Link experiences to your career interests. Options include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student groups including Arts Student Body Council, Toastmasters or UMSU. 2. Join the University of Manitoba Volunteer Program or Student Leadership Development Program. 3. Student work opportunities including Work-Study, STEP Services or Federal Student Work Experience Program. 4. Experiential education opportunities such as Alternative Reading Week Winnipeg. 	<p>Considering international opportunities? Attend World Opportunities Week in November for information about opportunities around the world.</p> <p>Explore communities and cultures you want to work with: Visit Migizii Agamik, the International Centre for Students or learn about local agencies via the Manitoba Contact Guide.</p>	<p>SAMPLE CAREERS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND RELATED EXPERIENCE</p> <p>Border Services Officer Budget Officer Assistant Citizenship/Immigration Officer Client Services Representative Credit Officer Employee Benefits Coordinator Employment Counsellor Entrepreneur Financial Advisor Foreign Service Officer Fundraiser Insurance Claims Adjuster Labour Relations Specialist Market Research Analyst Mortgage Broker Procurement Officer Project Liason Officer Research Analyst Trade Officer Venture Capital Assistant</p> <p>OPTIONS REQUIRING OTHER EDUCATION</p> <p>Assistant Deputy Minister Business Development Officer Developmental Policy Officer Economic Policy Analyst Economist Human Resources Manager Lawyer Parliamentary Budget Officer Real Estate Agent Statistician University Professor</p>
<p>YEAR 2 60 CREDITS</p>	<p>Course requirements: ECON 2010, 2020 and 2040 Honours or advanced: plus ECON 2030</p> <p>To do this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should you follow a 3-or 4-year plan? Meet with an academic advisor and career consultant to map out your options. 2. When choosing a minor, take courses that will open opportunities. 	<p>Make professional connections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Join the Career Mentor Program to learn from professionals. 2. Attend career fairs to connect with employers. 3. Become a student affiliate with the Canadian Economics Association or the Canadian Association for Business Economics. 4. Attend the department of economics' weekly seminar series. <p>Market your skills: Develop your resumé and cover letter and refine your interview skills.</p>	<p>Explore student research opportunities: Apply for an Undergraduate Research Award and inquire about research assistant positions.</p> <p>Gain practical experience by volunteering: Check out the Volunteers in Public Service (VIPS) program, Manitoba Legislative and United Way.</p> <p>Find opportunities to market yourself: Become a Faculty of Arts Student Ambassador.</p>	<p>Develop global career skills and expand intercultural learning: Consider Summer University at Warsaw School of Economics, Students Without Borders internship, an international service-learning program, My World Abroad or SWAP for a "working holiday."</p> <p>Staying local? Check out the World W.I.S.E. Ambassador Program or Praxis: Service-Learning for Social Change. Consider learning a new language and culture through the Volunteer Language Exchange Program.</p>	
<p>YEAR 3 90 CREDITS</p>	<p>Course requirements: Honours or advanced: ECON 3010, 3020 and 3040 Honours: plus ECON 3030 and 3810</p> <p>To do this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with an economics advisor for honours program approval. 2. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor and declare intent to graduate in Aurora (3-year option). 	<p>Investigate your career options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at sample job postings to ensure you have the qualifications upon graduation. 2. Develop employability and essential skills sought by employers. 3. Create a LinkedIn profile to network with professionals. 4. Explore supports available to entrepreneurs for business planning such as Manitoba New Venture Championship. <p>Consider continuing your studies: Check out the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Extended Education or other academic institutions.</p>	<p>Continue or start research: Participate in the Undergraduate Research Poster Competition.</p> <p>Check out student job opportunities with: Canadian Border Services Agency, Canadian CED Network, Statistics Canada, financial institutions and insurance agencies.</p> <p>Search for job opportunities online: Check out Job Bank, Find My Job, Indeed or other search engines.</p> <p>Use your networks and connections: Inquire about unadvertised job openings (the "hidden job market").</p>	<p>Did you travel abroad? Write an article about your experience for World W.I.S.E. magazine.</p> <p>Participate in the multicultural opportunities on campus: Attend International Week, participate in the Intercultural Development and Leadership Program, volunteer for the International Student Mentorship Program or take part in the Graduation Pow Wow.</p>	
<p>YEAR 4 120 CREDITS</p>	<p>Course requirements: Honours: ECON 4010, 4020, 4040, 4050 and 4052 Advanced: ECON 4822</p> <p>To do this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with an economics advisor for honours program approval. 2. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor and declare intent to graduate in Aurora. 	<p>Start job search 9 months in advance: Contact Career Services to refine your job search and self-marketing strategies. You can visit the office up to 6 months after graduation.</p> <p>If you are continuing on to graduate school: Finalize your application materials and take required tests. Use the awards database to search for funding and awards to help finance your continuing education. Contact your department to find out how their awards deadlines are advertised.</p>	<p>Ensure you have references in place: Ask your professor for a reference or a letter of recommendation if you're applying for graduate school.</p> <p>Assess your resumé: Identify any gaps in experience and fill them through volunteering, work placements or internships such as the Statistics Canada Recruitment Development Program or Manitoba Legislative Internship.</p>	<p>Prepare to work in a multicultural environment: Visit Canada's National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation on campus or register for a Workplace Cultural Competence Workshop through Extended Education.</p>	

Note: This resource is meant as a guide to provide suggestions throughout your time at university. Develop a plan and timeline that suits you best. Make intentional choices for your courses and work experiences.

*Please refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.