**Major description**

Economics is a social science concerned with choice and trade-offs among competing alternatives given scarce resources. Economics also studies how people interact with each other, how their behaviour reflects the incentives they face, and how they change their behaviour in response to different incentives. Study how people, institutions, and nations create and manage scarce resources, make choices by comparing costs and benefits, and act purposefully on those choices.

**Program highlights**

Register in courses such as:
- ECON 232 — History of Economic Thought
- ECON 351 — Women in the Economy
- ECON 371 — Economics of the Environment

Complete a Certificate in Communication and Rhetoric.

**Your career options**

Build a broad foundation and acquire the skills to pursue careers ranging from banking and lobbying to journalism and economic development.

Visit the Economics webpage and scroll down to the “Your Career Options” heading for more employment information.

**Getting Started**

**First-year standing**

Explore the Economics program by visiting the Department of Economics, Philosophy and Political Science website and reviewing the Academic Calendar. Learn more about your major requirements by logging into Degree Navigator and reviewing the First-Year Planning Guides. Book an appointment with an advisor to discuss program or career-related questions. Find the advisor that is right for you by reviewing advising options available.

Visit the Student Learning Hub throughout your degree for free supports from peers and professionals that include tutoring in math, sciences, languages, and writing. Participate in Supplemental Learning - free, weekly, peer-facilitated study sessions.

**Moving Through Your Degree**

**Second-year standing**

Ensure you complete ECON 204 and ECON 205 in order to be eligible to declare the Economics major. Contact an Academic & Career Advisor to declare the Economics major prior to registering for your third year. Find unique courses to fill your elective requirements or add a minor. Meet with an instructor or TA during office hours: ask a question, discuss an assignment, or go over lecture material.

International Students: Contact International Student Advising to review your study status. Considering further education? Find graduate programs at UBCO and beyond. Research application requirements, admissions information, and funding options.

**Looking for support?**

UBC Okanagan provides a broad range of support services for students from admission through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers to physical and emotional resources, visit Student Support and Resources for a full list of helpful supports. Some examples are included below:
- Academic & Career Development provides academic and career support for all undergraduate students.
- Indigenous Programs & Services provides academic support to self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.
- International Student Advising supports international students with immigration, employment in Canada, and more.
- Faculty Program Advisors provide faculty-specific academic support.
- Disability Resource Centre assists with disability-related accommodations and programming initiatives to help remove barriers for students with disabilities and ongoing medical conditions.
- Counsellors help students examine and explore their behaviors, relationships, feelings, or thoughts that cause concern or challenges.
- Financial support is available to help students learn to budget, pay tuition, or apply for awards and scholarships.

**Exploring the Major**

Explore a topic of interest in depth by participating in Undergraduate Research. Apply for an Undergraduate Research Award to fund your research. Explore co-op opportunities to strengthen your skills and build your work experience by applying to the Co-operative Education Office. Applications open in September to students with 3rd year standing or higher. Study abroad by participating in a Go Global program such as exchange, faculty-led global seminar, or research abroad.

Receive training and support to help develop career and employment readiness by participating in the Arts Career Apprenticeship Program.

**How to use the Program Plan:**

Tuum est! This Program Plan is designed to help shape your UBC experience, challenge yourself to try new things, and become the person and scholar you want to be to help make your time at UBC Okanagan yours. The Program Plan offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all!

The Program Plan includes four categories:
- Explore the Major: Explore what you’ll be studying and learning. Make connections between your program and future career or education opportunities and goals.
- Connect and Build Community: Making connections will help develop your support network throughout your studies and beyond.
- Develop Skills and Gain Relevant Experience: Expand your capacity to understand the changing world and embrace different perspectives by seeking out new experiences and opportunities.
- Experience Education:

Expansive Education opportunities are highlighted with a symbol. Please complete during a specific term(s) or have an associated deadline.
Explore Experienceal Education
Participate in hands-on, immersive learning experiences.

Explore high-impact, “learn-by-doing” experiences that take your education beyond the classroom. Whether on- or off-campus, paid or volunteer, participating in directed experiences and focused reflection helps to increase knowledge, develop skills, clarify values, and build your capacity to contribute to your communities.

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Getting Started:
Explore new opportunities and interests.

New to UBC? Participate in orientation and transition programming to connect with other students and get involved in the campus community.

Find on-campus events to meet new people and get involved with the campus community using the Events Calendar.

Meet a Student Connector at Student Connect for help with navigating campus and to learn more about the opportunities available at UBC Okanagan. Follow @UBCOStudents on Instagram for campus tips, opportunities, and event updates.

Attend a Heat Varsity Athletics game. Admission is free with your student UBCcard.

Develop Interests and Broaden Perspectives:
Get more involved and build your skills and connections.

Branch out, get involved in student life, and have fun by joining a student association to meet peers and participate in events and activities.

Get active! UBC Recreation offers activities like intramural sports, fitness classes, and other special events and activities.

Build your networking skills with alumni working in careers of interest by looking at job boards and employer websites.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest by using Ten Thousand Coffees and LinkedIn or by attending career events and workshops.

Commuting? Visit Collegia spaces on campus to relax, study, and socialize with others.

Planning to live on campus? Apply to join a Living Learning Community.

Immersive Experiences:
Take part in unique opportunities and programs. Find ways to immerse yourself in your experiences.

Explore professional associations such as the Canadian Economics Association for more information about potential careers, networking and professional development opportunities and more.

Give back to the campus community by volunteering or applying to work on campus: Student & Alumni Job Board.

Engage with your community in a meaningful way and help to create social change by participating in the Community Service Learning program.

Create your own student association, study group, or social club to connect with peers.

Use the Events Calendar to find on-campus opportunities for personal and professional development.

Connect with the Academic & Career Development team for support with exploring opportunities that will help you achieve your career or education goals.

Looking to volunteer, intern, or gain work experience? Assess what experience you have and fill any gaps by participating in Career Development workshops and finding opportunities on the Student & Alumni Job Board.

Apply to the Work Study program to build skills and grow your professional network with paid on-campus positions that work around your class schedule.

Apply to Entrepreneurship@UBCO to explore your start-up ideas through mentorship and training programs.

Book an appointment with a Learning Strategist at any stage in your degree for help with study skills and learning strategies.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest by looking at job boards and employer websites.

Join the Get Involved Program: sign up for volunteer projects in the Okanagan. Attend Selwyn community events to get connected and learn about different cultures, activities, and experiences that make the Okanagan unique.

Build your cross-cultural skills and intercultural fluency by participating in the Intercultural Development Program.

Learn about UBC’s commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous initiatives.

Explore course options and electives that broaden your own perspectives and worldviews.

Learn about programs and supports available through the Equity & Inclusion Office.

Participate in cross-cultural initiatives organized by the Global Engagement Office (GEO) to increase cultural awareness and grow professionally.

Get involved with Student Union Okanagan (SUO) resource groups:
- Indigenous Peoples Collective (IPC)
- Peer Support Network (PSN)
- Pride Resource Centre (PRC)
- Women’s Resource Centre (WRC)
- Sex Positivity Centre (SPC)

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