

ECONOMICS

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SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMICS GRADUATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Economics** – Learn how the actions of individuals, firms and public agencies ultimately determine the direction of the overall economy. Acquire the tools necessary to answer such important economic questions as: how do we reduce Canada’s unemployment rate; what are the effects of government deficits and spending cuts; and what are the effects of globalization on the Canadian economy? A great foundation for a career in finance, banking, forecasting stockbroking or public policy analysis, among others.
- **Interdisciplinary Arts and Science** – If you’re a highly motivated student who wants knowledge and skills that will familiarize you with the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, this elite program is for you. Design your program to match your interests and career aspirations. From here, consider a master’s program, professional school (medicine, optometry, dentistry, occupational

therapy, naturopathic medicine, law, MBA, pharmacy), or teaching (with additional studies).

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Using relevant statistical methods to understand economic issues, identify patterns, and forecast trends
- Understanding and predicting the ways in which valuable human, natural, and abstract resources are distributed, shared, and protected
- Arguing for evidence-based, optimal, high-efficiency resource allocation practices
- Internalizing significant economic principles, including supply and demand, market potential, and growth
- Collecting useful statistical data using self-designed and selected methods, including surveys
- Applying existing economic behavioural models to real-world situations and interpreting findings

CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework
(Outstanding Scholars, STEPS workshops, peer mentoring, VIP)

EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum
(Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

Academics



First Year

- Take required courses including Introduction to Economics I and II
- Review degree course requirements for all years of study
- Participate in our PASS program during Welcome Week to be provided with the skills necessary to be successful as a Science student
- Visit Economics Help Centre to address any questions regarding the program
- Meet with an academic advisor such as the department head or program co-ordinator
- Receive peer mentorship from an upper-year MySci Advisor

Experience



- Begin the process of becoming a LEAD Medallion Scholar and participate in credit and volunteer activities that provide you skills in **Leadership, Engagement, Application and Discovery***
- **Apply** for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)*
- Be **Engaged** by volunteering in a lab to help with research for professors and graduate students*
- **Discover** through research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program*
- Research student exchange and study abroad opportunities for middle years to gain a Global Perspective of Science*
- Join a club like the Economics Society, Students Offering Support or Science Society

Career



- Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to help you identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resumé and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing an undergraduate research project in final year★
- Consider completing Certificate in Business Administration
- Seek out internships and courses that offer field experience★
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

Final Year

- Meet with faculty and academic advisor to review degree requirements
- Complete all required courses to fulfill degree audit
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal
- Undertake an undergraduate research project with faculty member★
- Take a course such as the Senior Research Workshop to apply functional knowledge from degree★
- **Apply** your knowledge through a field work, internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience★

- Join a professional association in your field such as the Canadian Economics Association or Canadian Association for Business Economics
- **Apply** your knowledge through a summer research assistant or teaching assistant position within the Economic's Department★
- Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference★
- Gain a Global Perspective of Science (GPS) through an international exchange or by studying abroad★
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Gain valuable **Leadership** skills through roles within a club or society

- Take part in the Economics Research Seminar Series
- Conduct field research with faculty member★
- Be **Engaged** through Service Learning opportunities with Let's Talk Science and Science Rendezvous
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Become a MySci Advisor to provide academic support and mentorship for first-year students
- Complete LEAD Medallion Scholars in two areas for Bronze, three areas for Silver, four areas for Gold in accordance with **Leadership, Engagement, Application, Discover**★

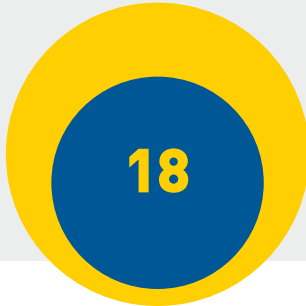
- Research career fields and occupations
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through sources such as Ten Thousand Coffees

- Consider applying to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

★ High-Impact Practice: educational practices that include experiential learning as a basis for student engagement and successful scholarship

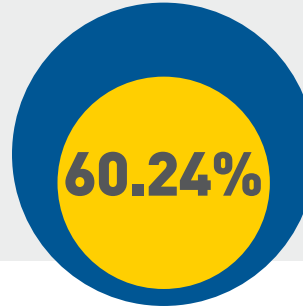
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

2016



Number of University of Windsor graduates from Economics programs in 2016.

2013



Percentage of Economics graduates from Canadian universities who continue studying after a Bachelor's degree.

(National Graduates Study 2013)



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR ECONOMICS GRADUATES

- Academia and research
- Advertising and marketing
- Banking/financial services sector
- Business and management
- Education
- Human resources
- Government
- Law

CAREER TRACKS*

Accountant
Actuary
Administrative officer
Business analyst
Claims adjuster
Consultant
Data administrator

Data entry clerk
Development analyst
Financial advisor
Financial analyst
Human resources manager
Insurance broker
Investment advisor

Journalist
Lawyer
Marketing manager
Mortgage broker
Operations director
Policy advisor
Portfolio manager

Professor
Project manager
Public official
Real estate broker
Research and development
Stockbroker
Teacher

* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Critically analyzing problems, thinking creatively, and making appropriately reasoned decisions
- Adapting and modifying projects to deal with new information and/or unexpected circumstances
- Applying prior knowledge/methodology to novel situations



Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Overseeing contributions to a project; determining outcomes, planning details, delegating, and completing tasks
- Leading and interacting with colleagues who reflect different backgrounds, learning styles, and approaches
- Identifying one's ideal role and contributing to the collective through leading, teaching, and motivating others



Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Working effectively in a high-pressure environment
- Working independently and self-motivating to meet deadlines
- Managing time, data, and resources to meet deadlines



Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Compiling, summarizing, condensing, and organizing facts and information using specialized software packages
- Articulating and explaining technical information to others
- Creating effective, dynamic, and responsive schedules that account for change



CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

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