ECONOMICS (HBA, BCom)

Department of Economics

Economics is a social science that encompasses a particular range of human behaviour and has a strong influence on the structure, well-being, and development of a society. It deals with any issue arising out of the conflict between the demand for goods and services and a limited supply of resources.

Undergraduate training in Economics is intended to familiarize students with the discipline of economic thinking and to equip them for intelligent appraisal of contemporary economic problems. It is also intended to make students aware of the nature of economic science and of the directions in which economic theory is moving.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM.

Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)
- Specialist Program ERSPE1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)
- Major Program ERMAJ1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)
- Minor Program ERMIN1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)

Check out...

What caused the recent financial crisis? Take ECO352H5 to find out. How does economics relate to poverty and inequality? Take ECO406H5 to learn about the empirical issues in public economics.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for Graduates: Insurance claims adjuster; Commodity analyst/trader; Compensation/benefits coordinator; Credit analyst; Insurance agent; Market research analyst; Purchaser; Securities broker; Underwriter; Agricultural economist; Foreign service officer; Population studies analyst; Loan administrator; Financial analyst.

Workplaces: Agriculture; Forecasting; Banks; Government; Insurance; Investment dealers; Labour unions; Manufacturing; Real estate agencies; Transportation; Non-profit.
# ECONOMICS (HBA) (BCom) MAJOR Program Plan

## HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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## 1ST YEAR

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<td><strong>Enrol in courses ECO100Y5 and MAT133Y3/134Y5/135Y5/137Y5.</strong> Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</td>
<td><strong>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR).</strong> Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</td>
<td><strong>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Attend the Program Selection &amp; Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</strong> Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</td>
<td><strong>Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course ECO399Y5. Visit the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.) to enhance your research skills.</strong></td>
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<td>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</td>
<td><strong>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities as well as Work-Study.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience to Bangkok through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and learn about one of Thailand’s most successful community-based tourism initiatives.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore your interests. Do you have innovative business ideas? Visit ICUBE in the lower level of the Innovation Complex to receive expert advice. Enjoy team athletics? Consider joining one of the many intramurals offered through the RAWC.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore the Experiential Education Office (EEO).</strong> Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE for Business Economics to become engaged with the local community.</td>
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| **Throughout your undergraduate degree:**  
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.  
  - see the Office of the Registrar and the Economics Academic Counsellor. | **Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.** | **Continued...** | **Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).** Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE Alternative Reading Week (ARW) to become engaged with the local community. | **Prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding opportunities (OGS, SSHRC).** |
| **Attend the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.** | **Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don’t be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Office (EEO).** | **Go to the Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre for access to specialized resources and databases (Innovation Complex, Rm. L1245).** | **Join a professional association. Check out the Toronto Association for Business Economics or the Financial Advisors Association of Canada.** | **Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoInGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.** |
| **Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC).** Follow them @uecutm. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk. | **Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience to Bangkok through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and learn about one of Thailand’s most successful community-based tourism initiatives.** | **Attend the CC workshop (Innovation Complex, Rm. L1245).** | **What’s your next step after undergrad?** Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment. | **Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I’m Graduating What’s Next?** |
| **Attend the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.** | **Continued...** | **Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.** | **Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC’s Co-Curricular Record (CCR) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.** | **Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC’s Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.** |

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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Skills developed in Economics

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication: explain complex concepts and theories to others.

Information gathering: analyze the multiple dimensions of a problem and select what is important and understand the impact of factors influencing economic growth.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: analyze problems and organize ways of thinking about problems to strategize options.

Research & statistics: gather economic data relevant to a research problem; employ data analysis research techniques such as statistical analysis and modeling; and strong background in economic theory and econometrics.

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The Grade 12 prerequisite for this program is Advanced Functions. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Social Sciences admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Why are some countries richer than others? What are the consequences of opening up trade and investment with the rest of the world? Take ECO202Y5 to discuss these and similar questions. What is microeconomic theory? Find out in ECO206Y5! Topics include oligopoly, pricing, income distribution and welfare economics.

Economics is one of the most popular disciplines among students at UTM. Nearly 50 per cent of all incoming students at UTM take at least one course in economics during their undergraduate studies.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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