What do economists really do?

You may be required to:

• Formulate economic policies for the government and organisations
• Identify opportunities to improve international competitiveness
• Investigate goods and services produced and consumed
• Prepare forecasts, analyse trends and advise on economic issues
• Provide management staff with economic information and advice
• Perform risk-return analysis on insurance and credit
• Analyse political and historical patterns to prepare economic policy advice

What jobs can you get?

• Econometrician
• Environmental economist
• Investment analyst
• And lots more!
Economics – a great career choice

• Essential to understanding the fundamental working of the economy and markets, and implications of economic policy

• Choose to study a double major if you are seeking to become a professional economist

• A major in Economics will prepare you for work in financial institutions, government, international agencies and the private sector as a forecaster, analyst or consultant
"I decided to take a cadetship from the Reserve Bank and felt like I had landed my dream job.

While I was at the Bank I wrote lots of briefing notes for the Reserve Bank Governor and built lots of economic models (on those newfangled personal computers!) and discovered that economic models are very useful ways of generating powerful insights about complex situations...I am proud of the fact that in some small way, I have used my economics knowledge to make a positive difference in the world."

- Tracey Horton
How do I major in Economics?

- As a degree specific major within the Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

OR

- As a second major within any of UWA’s five undergraduate degrees (Economics single major only)

The Economics single major is often combined with the following majors:
- Finance
- Philosophy
- Political Science and International Relations

Remember – you can choose to combine the Economics single major with almost any other UWA major!
A typical full time first enrolment would be eight (8) units for the year (four units per semester); those students wishing to undertake Economics (single or double) as a degree-specific major within the Bachelor of Commerce; will need to undertake two (2) core level one units:

- ECON1101 Microeconomics: Prices and Markets
- ECON1102 Macroeconomics: Money and Finance

in addition to four (4) complementary units:

- ACCT1101 Financial Accounting
- MGMT1135 Organisational Behaviour
- MKTG1203 Marketing Management
- STAT1520 Economic and Business Statistics

The remaining two (2) units in your first enrolment as a full time student could be broadening units taken from outside the Bachelor of Commerce degree course

http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/majors/bp002/mjdecnsm
http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/majors/bp002/mjdecndm
Example first year study plan

**First-year Study Plan: FSP002-1**

Degree: [BP002 Bachelor of Commerce](https://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/)
This plan leads to a choice of:
Degree-specific major: Accounting, Economics (double major), Economics (single major), Finance
Second major: Accounting, Economics (single major), Finance
Broadening units: LAWS1120 (Cat. B)

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† This double major can only be taken on its own.
^ ECON1111 Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics is to be taken by students who have completed Mathematics 2C/2D or equivalent, prior to undertaking STAT1520

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If you choose to undertake a second major* from outside the Bachelor of Commerce, the units you complete in a second major chosen from Arts; Science; or Design would satisfy the Category B broadening unit requirement of your degree and possibly the Category A requirement depending upon unit selection.

If you choose to undertake a second major* offered within the Bachelor of Commerce you must complete four (4) broadening units chosen from any discipline outside the Bachelor of Commerce degree course, including at least one Category A broadening unit. You can view a full list of broadening units including Category A broadening units online via UWA undergraduate handbooks.

*Please note: If you undertake the Economics double major you will not be able to take a second major

- handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/about/broadening
- handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/bp002/com_major
### Course Study Plan: CSP002-ECNSM

**Degree:** BP002 Bachelor of Commerce  
**Degree-specific major:** MJD-ECNSM Economics (single major) (two Level 1 units + three Level 2 units + three Level 3 units)

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Three-year study plan: Double major

Course Study Plan: CSP002-ECNDM

**Degree:** BP002 Bachelor of Commerce  
**Degree-specific major:** MJ-ECNDM Economics (Double Major) (two Level 1 units + five Level 2 units + seven Level 3 units)

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Economics as a second major

The Economics single major can be taken as a second major in the following degree courses:

• BP001 Bachelor of Arts
• BP002 Bachelor of Commerce
• BP003 Bachelor of Design
• BP004 Bachelor of Science
• BH005 Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

handbooks.uwa.edu.au/majors/bp002/mjdecnsm#sm-tab

Please note that the Economics double major is not available as a second major.
# Economics single major as a second major: Study plan

**Course Study Plan: CSPGeneric-DSMGeneric-ECNSM**

**Degree:** Generic  
**Degree-specific major:** MJD-Generic (two Level 1 units + two Level 2 units + four Level 3 units)  
**Second major:** MJS-ECNSM Economics [single major] (two Level 1 units + three Level 2 units + three Level 3 units)

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Get involved!

The UWA Business School has a range of student groups. These will allow you to attend professional development events, take on leadership positions and make new friends!

Student groups include:

- ECOMS (Economics and Commerce Student Society)
- FAWA (Finance Association of Western Australia)
- SMIF (Student Managed Investment Fund)
- MARKAM (The Marketing and Management Association of UWA)
- UWACS (UWA Consulting Society)
- Enactus
- Bloom
- AIESEC

Learn more at business.uwa.edu.au/students/faculty-groups-and-societies
Other great ideas

There are lots of wonderful opportunities available to you as a Business School student. For example:

**Peer Assisted Study Sessions** (To assist first year Business students)
business.uwa.edu.au/students/pass

**International Exchange and Study Abroad**
business.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange

**Volunteering**
volunteering.guild.uwa.edu.au

**Guild Clubs**
guild.uwa.edu.au/welcome/clubs
If you have completed some study at tertiary level and you are applying for, or have been granted, advanced standing (credit for prior study); or if you have any queries regarding studying in the UWA Business School you can contact an advisor in the Student Centre to assist in determining your first enrolment.

We look forward to speaking with you!

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