

Faculty of Agriculture

Agricultural Economics



Impact The Global Food Value Chain

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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IS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS FOR ME?

Economists are needed to support efficiencies throughout the entire food value chain, from production, transport, packaging, international trade and more. The opportunities are endless, with four jobs for every Agriculture graduate.

If you have an interest in economics and are looking for valuable experience in the food sector, then Agricultural Economics is the perfect choice for you. After graduating from this program, you will have the confidence and skills to improve the viability of food production, develop policies related to food, or the environment and support the protection of natural resources.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Agricultural Economics major blends courses from agriculture, business and economics that will serve you well in your career. Some classes include:

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
- Marketing
- Mathematical Economics
- Agricultural Futures and Options
- Statistics for Economics and Business
- Agricultural and Food Policy
- Agricultural Markets and Prices
- Financial Accounting
- Agricultural Production Economics

OPTIONAL MINORS

You have the option to take a minor along with your major. A minor is a select number of courses, which will give you significant knowledge in another area of study. Employers are always looking for unique students with the ability to think from different perspectives to find solutions to real-world problems. These optional minors include:

- Agricultural Business
- Animal Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Environmental Horticulture
- Environmental Sciences
- Equine Science
- Food Bioscience
- Plant Science

WHAT GRADUATE PROGRAMS CAN I PURSUE?

- Master of Science (MSc) in Agricultural Business
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Various other Professional Degrees

WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE?

With one in eight Canadian jobs found in the agri-food industry, you will have many career options to choose from. A few examples include:

- Economic Analyst
- Government or Private Industry Economist
- Policy Analyst/Advisor
- Market Analyst
- Business Consultant
- Farm Business Specialist
- Financial/ Credit Advisor/ Banker
- Statistician
- Resource Manager
- Commodities Trader

WHO WILL HIRE ME?

Upon completing the Agricultural Economics Major, you will be prepared to work in a variety of settings. A few sample employers include:

- Private businesses
- Provincial and federal governments
- Banks and financial institutions
- Non-governmental organizations
- Import and export firms

WHY STUDY AT DAL'S TRURO CAMPUS?

- We offer small class sizes to nurture individualized learning needs in a close-knit, small campus community
- Here, you are not just another number. Professors know who you are and want you to succeed
- Our campus supports entrepreneurship through a program called Cultiv8, which is a place for budding entrepreneurs to collaborate with industry on new business ideas and ventures. Learn more at dal.ca/cultiv8
- We also provide students with many services, extra-curricular activities, and other opportunities
- The town of Truro offers the best of both worlds: small-town ambiance combined with a full range of commercial and recreational opportunities. Come and take a walk in Victoria Park, shop at the weekly farmer's market, or eat at the cafés and downtown restaurants

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