

Enrichment Mini Course in Economics



As our economics students get trained and go beyond our institutional boundaries, they transfer their knowledge to their future employers and to the citizen of the jurisdiction in which they choose to live by being better informed, more educated, and better able to debate policy issues from multiple perspectives. We want to recognize that one of our soon-to-be graduated Masters student, Troy Osmond, has identified yet another way to transfer some of his acquired knowledge to broader community.

Every spring, Memorial University partners with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to offer an enrichment mini course program for junior high school students (Grades 7-9). The program offers mini courses in a variety of subjects across a number of disciplines, including physics, psychology, chemistry and computer science – and now, economics!

Troy Osmond, B.Sc., Economics MA Student, has put together an Enrichment Mini Course which he will be delivering over two days. Troy is most enthusiastic about delivering this course and he has put much effort into developing the outline for the course. The course description has proved to be appealing to junior high students as 12 students in Grade 9 have signed up. He is currently working on the materials he will use in delivering the course at the end of May.

Enrichment Mini Course in Economics Titled: Everyday Economics

Economics? No, it's not all about dull, suited up "fat cats", finance and banking. We'll consider questions like: What does the price of a Big Mac across the world tell us about the economy? Why do we pay more for diamonds than water (when diamonds won't keep you alive in the desert)? Why would a company call bad breath something else? This course will help you understand how the world works - exploring the idea that money makes the world go round. Using real world examples, hands on learning and active discussion see how economic thinking can help us make sense of the world and help us make better choices and achieve our goals.