

Economics Student Profile March 2016

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Coming from a small country Rwanda (East Africa), I was very excited to come to Memorial University as a Business student. It was only in my first introductory economics courses that I realized that economics was going to be my major. At the end of my first year at Memorial, I had made up my mind to pursue economics as my major and Business as a minor. Economics is a discipline that opens up the mind to understand complex concepts and it provides the right tools to analyze, predict and solve real world problems. This was what I was looking for in a university education and economics is the only discipline that was in line with my career and education goals. Being from a country facing economic difficulties, economists are needed in policy making and economic development; so studying economics will equip me with the knowledge and the skills I need to actively contribute to the development of my country and other countries in general.

The economics department offers a variety of courses, small classes and ever amazing professors, which makes studying economics even more interesting. With the support from the department, I have been admitted to the Economics Co-operative Program, where I get connected to different companies and the Canadian Government for work opportunities and career growth.

In addition to being an economics student, the department has offered me the opportunity to work as a student tutor in The Department of Economics Help Centre, where I assist students in their academics. I work closely with professors to achieve academic success of first year students. This refreshes my knowledge of economics concepts learned in the first year and challenges me to learn more in order to meet student's needs. In this work, I get the chance to encourage students to love economics and to share my personal studying tips that can help them succeed. I am also involved in extra-curricular activities related to economics such as the Community Tax Program where assist Memorial University Students and low income families in filing their taxes to the Canadian Revenue, which led me to a volunteering recognition award by the Campus Volunteer Bureau. With the spirit of innovation I have built studying economics, I was able to start Yabes Touch International, a not for profit organization that is driving economic change to disadvantaged women in Rwanda. With a good foundation in economics that I have acquired at Memorial, I plan to pursue a Master degree in Applied Economics in order to gain more understanding of economics and to be able to make a positive change in the world's economy. In my years left at Memorial, I want to focus on completing my honors research and engaging more in The Department of Economics research initiatives. Studying economics has certainly been the best choice towards my future and it has been very rewarding.

I would like to conclude with a quote which summarizes my core beliefs:

"To feel much for others and little for ourselves; to restrain our selfishness and exercise our benevolent affections, constitute the perfection of human nature"

Adam Smith