

Economics Student Profile January 2017

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I didn't know much about economics when I first entered the undergraduate program at Memorial University Newfoundland (MUN). After reading about the co-operative program in the University Calendar, my curiosity led me to Dr. Michael Wernerheim's office, who was the co-operative coordinator at that time. He furthered my interest in the subject and recommended I start the introductory courses. My experiences through the program did not disappoint. I learned a great deal from professors such as Dr. Wernerheim, Dr. Eugene Tsoa, Professor Scott Lynch and Professor Riser to name a few.

In my spare time at MUN, I joined forces with some colleagues to make the Economics Society an active society once more, with events being held for faculty and students to mingle. I was the President of the Economics Society from September 2007- December 2008.

While completing my undergraduate degree, I received the Rotary Club (St. John's Northwest) Scholarship 2008-2009 and the Dr. B.K. Kim Scholarship in Statistics 2007-2008. I was also on the Dean's List of the Faculty of Science in 2006-2007 and 2008-2009. In 2009, I attended the convocation to receive my undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Science, Co-operative Joint Major in Economics and Statistics, as well as the University Medal for Academic Excellence in Economics. The co-operative program provided me the ability to network and establish myself to potential employers. As a result, when I completed my undergraduate degree, I began working with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as an analyst.

It wasn't until 2015 that I returned to MUN to pursue a Masters in Economics. After working in the public sector, I have new perspectives and wanted to further my understanding of economics as it applies to the real world. I was pleasantly surprised to see how the Department of Economics has grown and changed since I completed my undergraduate degree. I have had the pleasure of taking courses with professors I did not have a chance to take courses with in my undergraduate degree, such as Dr. Kam Chu and Dr. Wade Locke, who are passionate and candid about economics.

My goal is to keep an open mind, keep learning and to become a more intelligent economist. I will take what I have learned in this Master's program and use it in any way possible, to better inform my work, and myself.