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I have to be honest - at the start of my academic career, Economics was not a field I was overly interested in. After middling through one year of courses in various fields, I happened to be enrolled in an Introductory Macroeconomics class. It became immediately apparent I had accidentally stumbled into something that was a perfect fit for me. Economics lies at the intersection of liberal arts and business; the intersection of social sciences and sciences. It's a field of study made for the curious; for those who wish to understand the ways in which decision making, human behaviour, and the consumption of goods and services intertwine in an ever-changing world.

My studies during my time in this faculty were immensely enjoyable. In attaining my BA in Economics and Society, the professors I had were always engaging, while the content reflected real world applications and modern challenges. The student body was also a major highlight of my time in the Economics program.

Following my undergraduate degree, I obtained employment in the public sector and immediately enrolled in graduate studies to further my understanding of the application of economics through a policy lens in the public sector, an interest of mine that had developed both professionally and academically. Five years on from undergraduate studies, one year on from the completion of graduate studies, and five years into my professional career, I have no regrets. Simply put, I would not have attained immediate employment, had the ability to excel in graduate studies, and make life-long friendships without the completion of my Economics and Society degree from the University of Regina.