

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN COMMERCE?

The **Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree at UOIT** will enhance your understanding of key business functions and current systems technologies, providing you with the strong employability skills and the foundations for excellence in managing business corporations. You will examine organizations from multiple perspectives, including how they are managed and the changing environments in which they operate. You will also explore national and international contexts of business, along with relevant issues facing managers in business, labour and the public sector. Majors and minors are available in: Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Organizational and Human Resources Management. For more information about the Commerce program, please visit the Faculty of Business and IT website at businessandit.uoit.ca/undergraduate/bachelor-of-commerce/index.php

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP IN THE COMMERCE PROGRAM?

A degree in Commerce will allow you to develop a number of skills with application in a variety of work contexts. Some of the skills you will acquire and/or develop in the Commerce program include:

Oral and Written Communication	Leadership	Problem-Solving	Teamwork
Research Skills	Entrepreneurial Skills	Planning and Organization	
Analytical and Critical Thinking	Persuasion/Negotiation	Statistical/Data Management Skills	

EMPLOYERS HIRE PEOPLE NOT DEGREES!

Think beyond your program when choosing a career. To find the right career, you will need to take into account your interests, skills, work preferences and values. The list below is meant to give you some ideas, but it is not exhaustive. Don't limit yourself!

WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPTIONS WITH A DEGREE IN COMMERCE?

A Commerce degree opens up possibilities for careers such as:*

Account Manager	Business Systems Analyst	Economist	Purchaser
Actuary	Certified General Accountant	Fundraiser	Research Analyst (Financial)
Advertising Account Executive	Communications Specialist	Insurance Underwriter	Sports Marketer
Agent	Corporate/Commercial Lawyer	Logistics Specialist	Venture Capitalist
Appraiser	Corporate Trainer	Management Consultant	Trader
Auditor	Credit Counsellor	Market Research Analyst	
Bank Manager	Economic Development Officer	Marketing Specialist	

*Please note that many of the occupations listed above may require further education, certifications or work experience in conjunction with your degree.

WHERE HAVE PREVIOUS UOIT BUSINESS AND IT GRADS WORKED?

Acuity Funds Ltd.	Cancer Care Ontario	GO Transit	Loblaw Companies
Applied Systems Canada	City of Toronto	GoodLife Fitness	Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission
ARC Productions	Correctional Services Canada	Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Inc.	Oshawa Centre
Assante Capital Management Ltd.	Deloitte		
Aviva Canada	Durham Region	Health Canada	
BDO Canada	General Motors	Hyundai Canada	

HOW CAN I GET SOME PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE?

A degree on its own is generally not enough to land you your dream job. Practical experience is critical, not only to give you the qualifications you need to be competitive, but also to help you better understand your own interests, skills, personality and work values so that you can be confident that your next career step is the right fit for you.

There are a number of ways for you to get some real-world experience and information about potential careers related to Commerce. These include:

Experiential Learning - All Commerce students complete a Capstone project in their fourth year which allows them to apply their academic skills to a real-world business project. Eligible third-year students may also apply for an internship placement to get hands-on work experience, connect with potential employers and clarify their career goals.

Volunteering - If you have little or no work experience, unpaid work experiences are a great way to get your foot in the door, allowing you to develop your skills through hands-on experience, learn more about your interests and make valuable contacts to add to your network for potential paid work opportunities down the road. For more information, find the volunteering resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Informational Interviews - Informational interviews allow you to get the inside scoop on potential career paths from individuals working in the field. For information on how to set up and conduct informational interviews, find the Informational Interview resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Get Involved - The Faculty of Business and IT has several clubs and organizations dedicated to, among other things, organizing experiential learning and professional opportunities for their members. For more information, visit businessandit.uoit.ca/about/student-clubs.php. See also your-sa.ca for information about other clubs offered by the Student Association. Check out uoit.ca/getinvolved for information about the **Student Involvement Record**.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Student Portal - There are a number of career resources on the Student Portal to get you started in your career research process, including links to job leads and information about further education. For more information, visit: uoit.ca/careercentre

Career Counselling - Email careercentre@uoit.ca to book a career counselling appointment if you would like to discuss your career development, including issues such as: career indecision; identifying your skills, interests, work values and personality style as it relates to the workplace; feeling overwhelmed, anxious or confused about the career planning or decision-making process; and overcoming barriers to career development.

Academic Advising - Email FBITadvising@uoit.ca to set up an appointment to discuss questions related to your academic path within the Faculty of Business and Information Technology.