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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

2021 - 2025 (Expected)

Bachelor of Science, Mathematical Applications in Economics and Finance Specialist, Economics Major

- CGPA: 3.89/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for MAT136 (Calculus II)

Jan 2024 - Present

MAT135 (Calculus I)

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Led two tutorial sections, each with a cohort of 30 students, providing comprehensive instruction and support in MAT135, enhancing their comprehension of calculus concepts and problem-solving abilities.
- Effectively graded assignments and exams in a timely and fair manner, contributing to a well-organized and smoothly operating grading process.
- Hosted regular drop-in hours, providing individualized assistance to students struggling with course material, ensuring they received personalized help to overcome challenges and succeed in the course.

Co-Founder and Social Media Manager - Unwritten Lines Clothing Brand

Jan 2021 - Aug 2023

- Co-founded Unwritten Lines, a clothing brand based in Dubai, with the purpose of promoting mental health awareness through our clothing.
- Established and managed the company's social media presence across various platforms, creating content and promoting sales through targeted marketing campaigns.
- Collaborated with the team to design and launch two successful collections.

Research Assistant - Professor Hoffman, University of Toronto

Mar 2023 - May 2023

- Assisted in an ongoing research project investigating the impact of recent US bankruptcy laws on small and medium-sized businesses in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted extensive research on over 700 firms to determine their current operational status, focusing on whether they had filed for bankruptcy or continued to operate.
- Collaborated closely with the professor, research team, and other assistants, fostering a collaborative and productive research environment.

PROJECTS

Impact of Spousal Income on Individual Hours Worked - Research Paper

2023

- Conducted in-depth analysis on the relationship between spousal income and individual weekly hours worked in the US using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) data.
- Developed and applied statistical models to examine variations between male and female individuals.
- Utilized Stata for robust regression analysis and interpretation of results.
- Collaborated closely with a partner to address data skewness, control variable biases, and other limitations.

University of Toronto Consulting Conference 2022 Case Competition - Finalist

2022

- Worked collaboratively with a team of 3 other individuals to develop a solution for Twitch within a week-long competition.
- Conducted secondary research to identify key insights and develop a strategy to address the challenge.
- Designed and presented a professional and visually engaging deck to showcase the team's solution in front of a panel of judges and fellow students.
- Achieved finalist recognition out of 15 participating teams.

Efficacy of Taxation as a Demand-reducing Policy for Tobacco - IB Extended Essay

2021

- Conducted extensive secondary and primary research, including interviewing an employee from a leading tobacco manufacturer in Dubai, to analyze the efficacy of taxation and other policies in reducing demand for tobacco products.
- Wrote a 4000-word essay that presented a comprehensive analysis of the tobacco market and evaluated the effectiveness of various tobacco control policies.
- Used economic theories and models to evaluate the impact of policies such as taxation, education, and smoke-free policies on the demand for tobacco products.
- Developed a deep understanding of economic principles and their real-world application.