Department of Economics.

Practical Economics.
Real Impact.
Why study economics?

Economics is about choice and the impact of our choices on each other. It relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions we make as individuals or families to the structures created by governments and firms. The economic way of thinking can help us make better choices.

Economics will help you to understand problems you might expect such as how markets operate, prices of goods, and global money and banking systems.

But economics can also be surprising. It can be applied to improve people’s health and wellbeing, education and in understanding developing economies.

Economics is a flexible discipline that involves using maths and statistics to understand some of the big issues facing our society, connecting up topics including politics, law, geography and psychology.

It’s a fascinating area that opens doors to a huge number of opportunities and will give you valuable skills for a variety of careers.
Why study economics at Sheffield?

The Department of Economics has an international reputation for practical and real world economics.

We are a leading research university and economics department. You will be taught by some of the top economic experts in their field, receiving the latest cutting-edge teaching from people that care passionately about their subject.

Our staff advise government departments in the UK such as the Department for Work and Pensions and global organisations including the World Bank. Their expertise helps shape government policies and aims to improve people’s lives.

We are a specialist economics department and we’re not part of a large business school. We are large enough to offer a wide variety of optional modules, but small enough so that you will get to know your tutors personally and build lifelong friendships with the other students on your course.

We are based in a newly refurbished building in the heart of the campus, where you’ll have your own social space with computer access and you will experience some of your teaching in our state-of-the-art classrooms. Your lectures are likely to be nearby on campus.

“I had a friend at school whose sister had been to Sheffield and raved about it, so I came to an open day and instantly felt at home. The friendly atmosphere and great facilities really won me over. The city-based campus was a big bonus for me and the fact that everything is so close to the city centre means you really get the opportunity to explore Sheffield alongside your studies.”

Tom Fletcher (BA Economics and Politics with Employment Experience)
Single honours degree courses

BA Economics
UCAS code L100

This course gives you a solid grounding in modern economic theory and techniques of applied economic analysis. You’ll develop the quantitative and analytical skills needed by economists to make informed judgements.

There are plenty of options on this course so you can specialise in the topics you find most interesting.

This degree is excellent preparation for a wide variety of careers, including analytical roles and in finance.

BSc Economics
UCAS code L101

The BSc Economics course is similar to the BA Economics. The difference is there’s more emphasis on advanced technical skills.

You might consider this course if you will enjoy the more technical aspects and would like an analytical or financial career.

BSc Economics with Finance
UCAS code L1N3

This course is like the BSc Economics where you will learn technical skills, but in addition you will study money, banking and financial markets as well as economics. This is suitable if you would like to work in the financial or banking sector.

Degree with Employment Experience

There is an option to study most of our degree courses with employment experience. To do this you will need to complete a year-long work placement that is supported by the Department of Economics. Recent placements have been with the Bank of England, IBM and HM Treasury. These degrees are ideal if you are looking to have good employment experience when you graduate.
Dual honours degree courses

Dual degrees are aimed at those that have a strong interest in studying two distinct subjects. You will study each subject equally in two different academic departments at the University of Sheffield.

BA Economics and Politics
UCAS code LL12

Studying economics and politics is a natural combination. The study of politics gives you an appreciation of the context for governments and policy-makers, in addition to a core understanding of economic analysis.

BA Accounting and Financial Management and Economics
UCAS course code NL41

This course is ideal if you want to prepare for a career in accountancy and financial management together with an understanding of economic analysis.

BA Business Management and Economics
UCAS code NL21

This course gives you the skills in how successful businesses operate and the key challenges facing organisations together with economic analysis. This course will prepare you well for a career in professional and commercial services.

BSc Economics and Mathematics
UCAS code LG11

This course is ideal if you enjoy high level technical maths and applying these skills to the big societal challenges analysed in economics.

BA Economics and Philosophy
UCAS code LV15

This degree will give you the opportunity to study philosophy and gain skills to criticise and reason logically. You will develop an understanding of areas such as ethics, theory of knowledge and metaphysics together with the economic skills of understanding limited global resources.

For more details on the following dual honours degrees visit:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/degrees

- BA French and Economics
- BA German and Economics
- BA Hispanic Studies and Economics
- BA Russian and Economics
Professor Steve McIntosh is an adviser to the UK government on vocational education economics. Steve teaches research methods in the second year and education economics in the third or fourth year.

Professor Jennifer Roberts researches into how people’s health can affect their jobs and overall wellbeing. She is an economic adviser to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and teaches economic analysis in the first year.

Dr Panos Nanos

Dr Panos Nanos, is an expert in labour economics. He researches into the issue of wage differences in native and migrant workers. Panos teaches mathematics for economics in the first year and labour economics in the third or fourth year.

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## Entry requirements

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International students will need IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each component, or equivalent. For details on English language requirements visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/policies/englang
Careers

96% of Department of Economics graduates secured employment or further study six months after completing their course.

Destination of Leavers of Higher Education survey data 2014/15

Economics graduates are employed in the private sector for a wide range of organisations. Others work in the public sector, including government departments and international organisations. Industries that graduates work in include:

- Banking
- Insurance
- Accounting and professional services firms
- Retail industries
- Marketing and communications
- Government agencies
- Charities and not-for-profit organisations

Here is an example of some of the job roles our graduates go into:

- Rates Analyst, Bank of England
- Auditing Associate, PwC
- Actuarial Graduate, Lloyds Banking Group
- Commercial Analyst, BP
- Business and Procurement Graduate, British Sugar
- Assistant Economist, HM Treasury
- Assistant Economist, Office For Budget Responsibility
- Research Assistant, Houses of Parliament
Placements and careers support

You’ll have an opportunity to do a year-long paid work placement and gain a degree “with Employment Experience”. You’ll need to apply for these competitive placements yourself but guidance and support will be provided through the process. Recent student placements have been with the Bank of England, IBM and HM Treasury.

Some of our students secure paid internships with employers, usually lasting 4-6 weeks over the summer.

Our Careers Service can help you to enhance your employability skills and prepare you for employment. We have a careers advisor who can support you individually and there are careers events on and off campus that help you plan for your career.

For more economics careers information visit:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/careers

“On my placement year I worked as an Economist for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in Whitehall. My whole experience was amazing. I was very fortunate to be placed in a very high profile policy area and I had a great deal of responsibility in terms of my day-to-day workload.”

Elizabeth Kohorn-Hill (BSc Economics with Employment Experience)
Gordon Pal (BSc Economics 2014)
Assistant Economist,
Department for Work and Pensions
What to do next

You can apply to study our economics courses through the UCAS website. For more information visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

You can find out more about the University of Sheffield and our economics courses at our undergraduate open days. You can book a place on our undergraduate open days which happen during June, July, September and October.

For more information visit: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/opendays)

After you apply

If you apply to study an economics course at the University of Sheffield you will be invited to one of our Department of Economics open days during December, February and March.

For more information visit: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/open-days](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/open-days)

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