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Department of Economics.

# Practical Economics. Real Impact.

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## 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, the Department for Education and the Low Pay Commission. 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 the heart of the campus and you'll experience some of your teaching in our fully equipped classrooms in the same building as our staff offices. Our building has its own social space with computer access.



"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.

You will specialise in a wide range of application and policy modules which gives you the opportunity to apply theory and techniques to real-world problems.

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

### BSc Economics UCAS code L101

This course, like the BA Economics, provides you with the understanding of core economic principles and how to apply them.

You will specialise in methodological modules and learn advanced technical skills but will also have the opportunity to apply them to areas of economic policy.

This course is excellent for a wide range of careers including analytical and economist job roles.

### BSc Economics with Finance UCAS code L1N3

This course will give you the core skills needed as an economist, but you will specialise in finance modules in each year of your study.

This course is ideal if you want to work in the financial and banking sector.

"I cannot recommend the course enough to anyone who is interested in finding out how the world works. The lecturers are passionate about their subject and challenge students to become thoughtful and sophisticated economists. The flexibility of the course allows students to specialise and focus on what they're most interested in. In my final year, I was able to learn about health economics which inspired me to dedicate my career to that field."

Chloë Hardern (BSc Economics)



## 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.

### BA Economics and Modern Languages and Cultures *UCAS code RL50*

Combining economics with modern languages and cultures gives your degree a truly global focus. You'll learn the practical skills an economist needs together with either one or two of the 10 different languages on offer.

For more details on dual degrees visit:

[www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/degrees)

## Placements and careers support

Most of our courses give you the opportunity to do a year-long paid work placement and gain a degree “with Employment Experience”. These optional placements provide valuable work experience and enable you to apply your economics knowledge and skills in the workplace. Recent student placements have been with the Bank of England, IBM, Lloyds Bank and Volkswagen.

You'll need to make applications for placements yourself, but guidance and support will be provided through the process. Placements are excellent preparation for entering a competitive job market and ideal if you are looking to secure a job after your degree with a top employer.

Or you could choose to find work placements abroad with our degrees “with International Experience”.

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. Careers advisors 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/undergraduate/careers](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/undergraduate/careers)



**“My economics degree from Sheffield gave me strong analytical skills, a sound understanding of economic concepts and the ability to communicate these to a less technical audience – all key components of a Government Economist.”**

Gordon Pal (BSc Economics 2014)  
Department for Education

## Careers

# 97%

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

Destination of Leavers of Higher Education survey data 2016/17

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
- Buyer, Rolls Royce
- Product Specialist, Topshop
- Assistant Economist, Office For Budget Responsibility
- Graduate Researcher, YouGov

## Study abroad

You can choose to study the second year of your three year course abroad, in a university in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore or the USA. Your degree course will still be three years as you will cover a similar economics curriculum at our partner university.

You will need to apply for study abroad in your first year at Sheffield.

## Erasmus

You can choose to study the whole of your second year or the first semester of your final year at a European partner university in Prague, Madrid, Valencia, Copenhagen or Tilburg in the Netherlands.

## Degree with International Experience

You have the option of extending your economics degree to four years by choosing to work or study abroad during your third year and then return to Sheffield for your final year.

This way you won't miss out on any studying in Sheffield and your year abroad will be reflected in your degree title as a degree "with International Experience".

The content of our courses is reviewed annually to make sure it's up-to-date and relevant. This is in response to discoveries made through our world-leading research, funding changes, professional accreditation requirements, student or employer feedback; outcomes of reviews, and variations in staff or student numbers.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication, for the reasons detailed above, changes may need to be made to modules, courses, entry requirements and fees between the date of this publication and the start of your course.

This publication is correct as at the time of print, but please see [www.sheffield.ac.uk](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk) for the most up-to-date information about undergraduate study at the University. If there is an inconsistency between this publication and [www.sheffield.ac.uk](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk), the information on [www.sheffield.ac.uk](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk) should be taken as correct.

## Inspirational academics

Here is an example of some of the extraordinary teachers and researchers in the Department of Economics.

### Dr Panos Nanos

Dr Panos Nanos, is an award winning teacher and expert in labour economics. He researches into the issue of wage differences in native and migrant workers. Panos teaches mathematics for economics and labour economics.



### Dr Gurleen Popli

Dr Gurleen Popli researches the economics of wage inequality between genders and also the effects of poverty on child development. Gurleen teaches macroeconomics in second year and inequality and poverty in third or fourth year.



### Dr Jesse Matheson

Dr Jesse Matheson recently worked with the UK Police Force to improve the services to victims of domestic violence. Jesse teaches Economic Analysis and Policy in first year.



## Entry requirements

	A Level	A Levels + Extended Project Qualification in a relevant subject	BTEC	Other requirements
BA Economics	AAB	ABB + B	DDD in a relevant subject	GCSE Maths grade B or 6
BSc Economics	AAB including Maths	ABB including Maths + B	DD + grade A in A Level Maths	
BSc Economics with Finance	AAA including Maths	AAB including Maths + A	DD + grade A in A Level Maths	
BA Economics and Politics	AAB	ABB + B	DDD in Applied Law, Business, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship or Personal and Business Finance	GCSE Maths grade B or 6
BA Accounting and Financial Management and Economics	AAB	ABB + A	DDD in a relevant subject	GCSE Maths grade B or 6
BA Business Management and Economics	AAB	ABB + A	DDD in a relevant subject	GCSE Maths grade B or 6
BSc Economics and Mathematics	AAB including A in Maths	ABB including A in Maths + B	DD + grade A in A Level Maths	
BA Economics and Philosophy	AAB	ABB + B	DDD in a relevant subject	GCSE Maths grade B or 6

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](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/policies/englang)

We welcome applications from students studying a range of UK, European and international qualifications. Details of the qualifications that we consider for entry can be found on the following webpages:

[www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/requirements](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/requirements)

## 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.

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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