How do I find out more?

We have an exciting programme of schools events, ranging from half-day taster sessions to week-long summer programmes.

You will get:
- Interactive games and competitions
- Taster lectures
- Guest speakers from organisations such as the Government Economic Service, HSBC, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Financial times and Bank of England
- Opportunities to meet current students, academics and our admissions team

Events programme?

Mar: Politics and Economics taster day
Jul: Discover Economics taster day (Year 10)
Jul: Insight Bristol
Jul: Sutton Trust summer schools
Oct – Dec: Access to Bristol (each Wednesday held at the University of Bristol)
Oct: Women in Economics
Nov: Discover Economics taster day (Year 11 and 12)

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for more information and to reserve your place.
What is Economics?

Economics is the science of choice. It studies how people behave when they face trade-offs. It looks at what affects the choices people make – about what to buy, what to produce, whether to work, which job to choose, what to eat, how much to invest, who to trade with, whether to commit crime, who to marry – and the consequences of decisions that are made.

Economics helps us to understand how the world works… and how to make it a better place. It is at the heart of understanding the major social problems of our time, including climate change, inequality, poverty, health care, an ageing population, obesity, globalisation. Effective solutions to these problems require economic insights.

Studying for an economics degree teaches you how to analyse problems in a clear way, how to look at data and produce hard evidence on what is happening in the real world and how to communicate the findings and their implications for policy and practice.

Economics is a subject with real-world relevance and impact.

Is Economics for me?

Economics is the perfect subject for students who want a degree with real-world impact. It gives you the analytical and quantitative skills to address major social and economic issues – understanding the financial crisis, designing and regulating online markets, tackling climate change and inequality. It opens up many different graduate destinations, from finance and consulting, to public policy, NGOS and big data organisations.

You don’t need any previous study of economics to do an economics degree; at Bristol, students without economics A level do just as well as those with economics A level. Some universities, including Bristol, will require maths A level. Most universities offer economics as a single honours degree and programmes that combine economics with other subjects such as politics, psychology, finance, management, accounting. Check what’s on offer and each university’s requirement via UCAS.

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Hear from our previous students

“I really like the variety that economics offers. Before coming to University, I didn’t appreciate quite how many topic areas economics spans… in my final year, I’ve studied international, industrial and environmental economics and they have all been so different. I also like the fact that the subject has real world application.”

BSc Economics graduate

“I am currently working at the Department for International Trade and looking into trade deals post-Brexit. I love that I get to apply what I learnt at University directly into my job.”

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“The study of man in the ordinary business of life”

Alfred Marshall, Principal and Professor of Economics, University College Bristol, 1877-1883