Economics
Undergraduate study
Bristol has one of the leading economics departments in the UK. Our research is internationally recognised for its originality, significance and rigour and delivers real-world impact. You will be taught by a dedicated team who incorporate the very latest ideas into their teaching.

Together with Oxford and UCL we have pioneered an innovative approach to teaching called ‘core econ’, which reconnects the study of economics with real life issues, such as inequality, climate change and financial crises. You will become skilled in economic concepts, models and the use of economic tools to test behavioural predictions using real-world data.

89 per cent of our economics students graduated with a 2:1 or above, with 31 per cent achieving a First.


*Study Abroad option available, four years, entry by transfer.
What will you study?

As a student in the School of Economics, Finance and Management you benefit from being able to combine a degree in economics with one of the other subjects in the school or even opt for a Joint Honours degree in economics and politics, maths or philosophy.

We offer a wide range of optional units so you will have the opportunity to tailor your degree to your own interests as the courses progresses. Each year you will study econometrics, which builds on ideas taken from statistics, maths and economic theory, and is a key part of all our degrees.

Studying abroad
We offer you a fantastic opportunity to extend your degree to four years, spending your third year studying economics at a top ranking university, in Europe or farther afield, before returning to Bristol for your final year. Teaching is in English on the Study Abroad pathway and in the language of the host country for BSc Economics with Study in Continental Europe.

Year one
In the first year you will develop your skills across the key disciplines of economics and mathematics, with approximately two thirds of your time spent covering core units. Students who are combining economics with finance or accounting will also be introduced to the concepts of accounting in their first year. All students will be able to take some optional units during year one.

Year two
In year two you will deepen your knowledge of economics and also take a mandatory unit in econometrics. Students taking BSc Economics and Finance will also study a unit in Corporate Finance. Optional units play a larger role in your second year and make up half of the course. You can deepen your knowledge in economics by taking units such as Economic History or Applied Microeconomics, or you can broaden your studies to the complementary disciplines of accounting, finance and management. Optional units include Corporate Finance, Foundations of Business Law, and Project Management.

Study Abroad year (optional)
With this option your third year is spent studying economics in English at a leading university abroad, either in Europe or in Australia, Hong Kong or the U.S. The course combines the challenging, broad academic content of all our economic degrees with an overseas dimension that reflects the international nature of the economy.

Study in Continental Europe
If you choose BSc Economics with Study in Continental Europe you will spend the third year studying economics in the host language of one of our partner universities in France, Germany, Italy or Spain. To study in France or Germany you will need at least AS-level in French or German. To study in Italy or Spain you need at least GCSE Italian or Spanish. You will also take a language unit to develop your language skills in years one and two.
Final year
The final year offers significant flexibility and choice and you will take just one mandatory unit in Applied Econometrics. You will then take either Advanced Microeconomics and Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, or write a dissertation in Applied Economics. The remainder of the year is made up of optional units. Optional units are subject to change but in 2016/17 they included:

Economics options
• International Economics
• Public Economics
• Behavioural Economics
• Environmental Economics
• Industrial Economics.

Accounting and finance options
• Financial Crises
• Portfolio Management
• Derivatives
• Auditing
• International Finance.

Management options
• Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability
• International Human Resource Management
• Operations Management
• Strategy.

Joint Honours
In addition to mandatory units in economics, Joint Honours students will take additional mandatory and optional units from their joint degree school. Please see our online prospectus for the programme structure of our Joint Honours programmes: bristol.ac.uk/ug-study.

Yash Daga (BSc Economics and Management 2017)
Bristol has a campus feel with all the perks of a city. The variety of courses offered attracts a variety of people and that makes the University a diverse place. The Careers Service at the University is fantastic. If you take the initiative there is a lot of help to benefit your employability. There are skills workshops and CV clinics as well as the possibility of recognition for furthering yourself beyond your course through the ‘Bristol Plus’ and ‘Bristol Outstanding’ awards.
Our courses are delivered by world-class academics and professional economists. Appointed from a wide range of complementary disciplines, they incorporate the very latest research and ideas into their teaching. The quality of teaching and enthusiasm of our staff is rated highly by our students.

In addition to lectures we offer teaching in small groups, which supports discussion with your peers. Our lecturers and tutors also offer office hours when you can drop in to discuss the course.

The school runs an extensive events programme with guest speakers from industry and experts from other leading universities. It also sponsors the annual Bristol Festival of Economics, which welcomes leading economists from around the world to present new ideas and debate key economic questions of the day. The school benefits from a very active student society which provides a range of academic, career and social events.

**Assessment**

We understand the importance of timely and effective feedback and we will work closely with you to ensure you get the best out of your time here at Bristol. You will prepare assignments and receive feedback on them throughout each academic year. These assignments are intended to help your learning and the results do not usually count towards your final degree result, although some units contain a coursework element which does count in that way. For example a final-year dissertation accounts for 20 per cent of your overall degree mark. Most subjects will be assessed with an examination at the end of the teaching block in January or the summer.

Your final degree award will be determined by assessments in years two and three (40 and 60 per cent respectively). The Study Abroad and Study in Continental Europe degree results are based 30 per cent on second-year assessment, 10 per cent on year three and 60 per cent on the final year.

**Careers support and graduate destinations**

A Bristol economics degree makes you highly sought after by leading employers; among our most recent cohort, 90 per cent of graduates were in work or further study within six months of graduation and nearly all of our economics and econometrics graduates are in a professional or managerial job. Recent graduates have found roles at JP Morgan, Lloyds Banking Group, Morgan Stanley and PwC, in roles including actuarial analyst, assistant economist and investment banker.

The University has an excellent Careers Service and can support you with finding work experience and internships as well as organising recruitment events and skills workshops with prestigious employers. The faculty has recently launched the Professional Liaison Network and is working with employers to increase engagement opportunities for our students. You will have exclusive access to a mentoring scheme for economics students, where you can receive one-to-one support from alumni already working in a field related to economics.

While many of our graduates go on to work in investment banking or train as chartered accountants, an economics degree from Bristol will also prepare you well for a wide range of careers. Some students continue to study economics at master’s level, while others pursue professional conversion courses for law or actuarial science.

Wherever your future career ambitions lie, an economics degree from Bristol will equip you with skills for the future. The University is rated third most-targeted university in the UK* by The Times top 100 UK graduate employers.

90% of graduates in full-time work six months after graduation are in professional or managerial roles.

*High Fliers Research, 2017

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2015/16, BSc Economics
Making your application

**Typical offer for BSc Economics**

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug18-economics for Joint Honours and other qualifications.

**A-levels**
A*AA (AAB contextual†) including A in Mathematics.

**IB Diploma**
38 points overall (34 contextual†) with 18 at Higher Level (17 contextual†) including 6 at Higher Level in Mathematics. 7 in Standard Level Mathematics (not Mathematical Studies) is accepted in place of 6 in Higher Level Mathematics.

**English Language Profile**
B††

**GCSEs**
No specific subjects required.

†For information on contextual offers, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-apply/#typical-contextual-offers.

††For details of English language profiles, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements.

**Selection**
UCAS or Common Application.

**Deferred entry**
Welcomed.

*The typical offer is indicative only and the University accepts a wide range of qualifications.

Our economics degrees have a strong mathematical component so you will require A-level Mathematics. You don’t need to study Economics at A-level.

We do not interview applicants, so selection is based on your UCAS form. We are looking for evidence of motivation in your personal statement, so tell us why you are interested in the subject(s) for which you are applying. Please give details of work experience or positions of responsibility that you have held. Tell us why you decided to take on those roles and why you find them interesting or describe their relevance to your chosen degree.

**Further information**
Find out more about the Department of Economics: bristol.ac.uk/economics.

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Why choose Bristol?

**Top 10 UK university**
(QS World University Rankings)

**3rd most targeted university by top UK employers**
(High Fliers Research)

**Rated in top 50 universities worldwide**
(QS World University Rankings)
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