

Economics



Undergraduate study

Courses

Single Honours

BSc Economics*

three years L100

BSc Economics with Study in Continental Europe

four years L101

BSc Economics and Accounting*

three years LN14

BSc Economics and Econometrics*

three years L140

BSc Economics and Finance*

three years LN13

BSc Economics and Management*

three years LN12

Joint Honours

BSc Economics and Mathematics

three years LG11

BSc Economics and Politics*

three years LL12

BSc Philosophy and Economics*

three years VL51

*Study Abroad option available, four years, entry by transfer.

Why study economics at Bristol?

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 of academics 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.

Economics degrees at Bristol are taught in a technically rigorous way and emphasise the analysis of data. These quantitative skills are highly valued by employers and are essential for a career as a professional economist. Most of our economics courses have units accredited by professional bodies, allowing students to gain exemptions from some professional accountancy exams.

We are proud of the quality of our teaching and the way it equips students with the confidence to tackle unfamiliar problems. The skills you learn at Bristol will help you become an innovative and resilient graduate who can thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Ranked 10th in the UK for Economics.

Complete University Guide 2019

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 course 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 may 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 USA. 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.



'The Careers Service at the University is fantastic. 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.'

Yash (BSc Economics and Management)

What will you study?

Study in Continental Europe

If you choose BSc Economics with Study in Continental Europe you will spend your third year studying economics in the host language of one of our partner universities in France, Germany, Italy or Spain. To study in France, Germany or Spain you will need at least AS-level in French, German or Spanish. To study in Italy you need at least GCSE Italian. 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

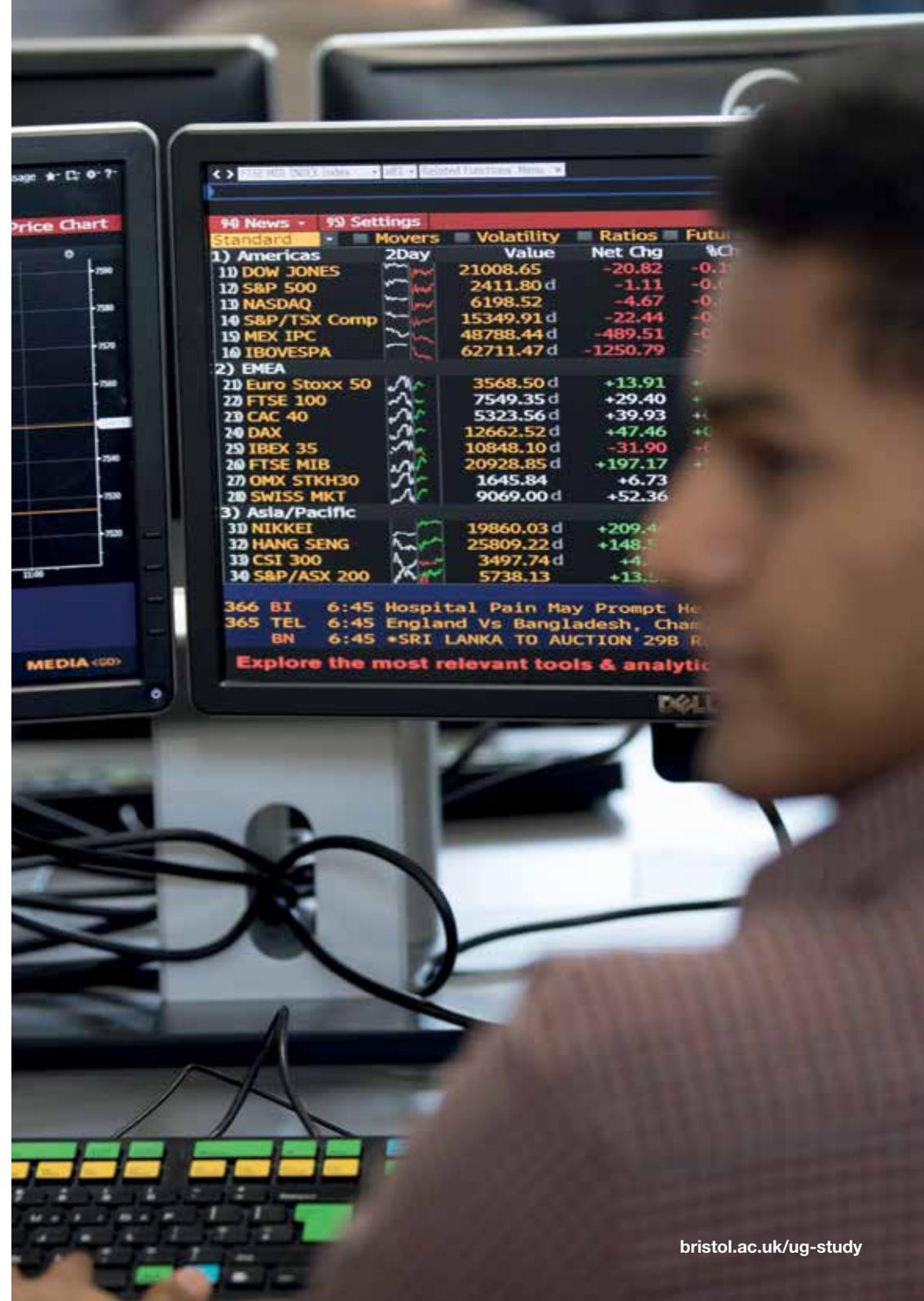
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- International Human Resource Management
- Operations Management
- Strategy.

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 degrees: bristol.ac.uk/ug-study.

85 per cent of graduates in work six months after graduation are in professional or managerial roles.

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17, BSc Economics



Teaching and learning

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. 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. 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. They also organise recruitment events and skills workshops with prestigious employers throughout the year. The Faculty of Social Sciences and Law has recently launched a 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 other 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 of Bristol has one of the best employment records in the UK. We are rated sixth in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2018.



Making your application

Typical offer for BSc Economics*

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug19-economics for Joint Honours and other qualifications.

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

IB Diploma 38 points overall (contextual 34[†]) with 18 at Higher Level (contextual 17[†]) including either 6 at Higher Level or 7 at Standard Level in Mathematics.

English Language profile B^{††}

GCSEs No specific subjects required.

[†]For information on contextual offers, visit bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers.

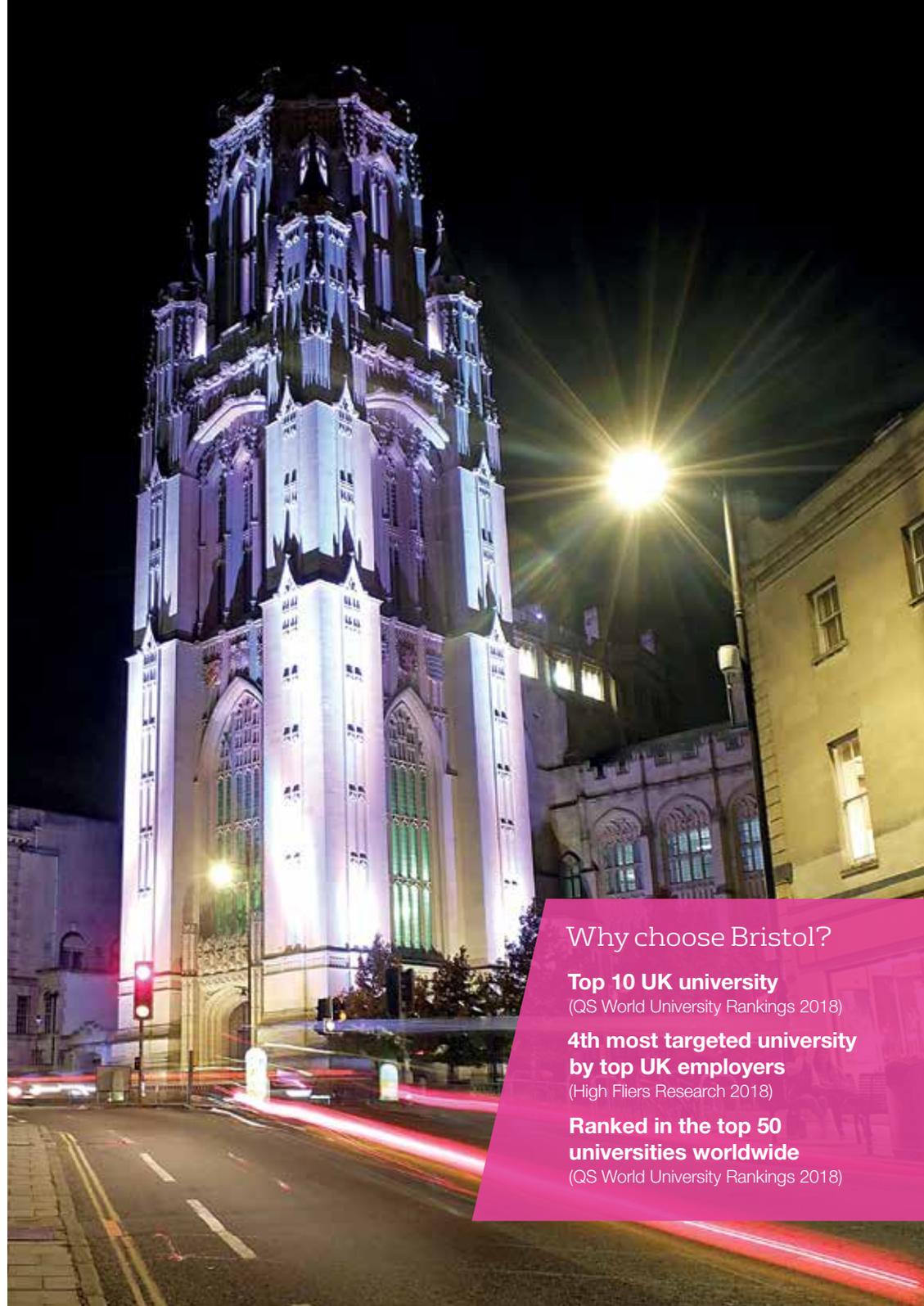
^{††}For details of English language profiles, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements.

Selection UCAS or Common Application.

*The typical offer is indicative only and the University accepts a wide range of qualifications. The information is correct at the time of printing (June 2018); however, we recommend you check the University's website for the most up-to-date information: bristol.ac.uk/ug-study.

Further information

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



Why choose Bristol?

Top 10 UK university
(QS World University Rankings 2018)

**4th most targeted university
by top UK employers**
(High Fliers Research 2018)

**Ranked in the top 50
universities worldwide**
(QS World University Rankings 2018)

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