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Economics BSc

The current financial crisis, the impact of climate change on the economy, trade agreements, income tax… leaders and policy makers the world over understand the world around us better with the insights of economics. Economists have the analytical skills to tackle the complexities of the modern world and this is exactly what the Birmingham degree programme prepares you to do.

- Taught by leading economists and with an impressive faculty alumni - we're renowned for producing high-calibre graduates
- 82% student satisfaction i.e. students satisfied with the overall quality of this course.
- 95% of students believe that they have improved career prospects as a result of this course.

(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-bsc.aspx#CourseDetailsTab)

Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham has been awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)

Course fact file

UCAS code: L100

Duration: 3 years

Places Available: 233 (Total number of places for all Economics programme)

Applications in 2012: 1018

Typical Offer: AAA (**More detailed entry requirements and the international qualifications accepted can be found in the course details (?OpenSection=EntryRequirements)**)

Start date: September 2014

Related courses

International Relations with Economics BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics.aspx)

International Relations with Economics with Year Abroad BA (/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/international-relations-economics-year-abroad.aspx)

Contact

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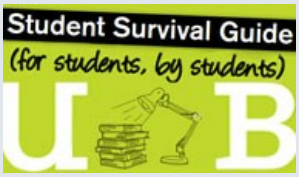

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Get the best out of university life by checking out our **Student Survival Guide (PDF) (/Documents/welcome/Student-Survival-Guide-Final-(WEB)-AW.pdf)** .

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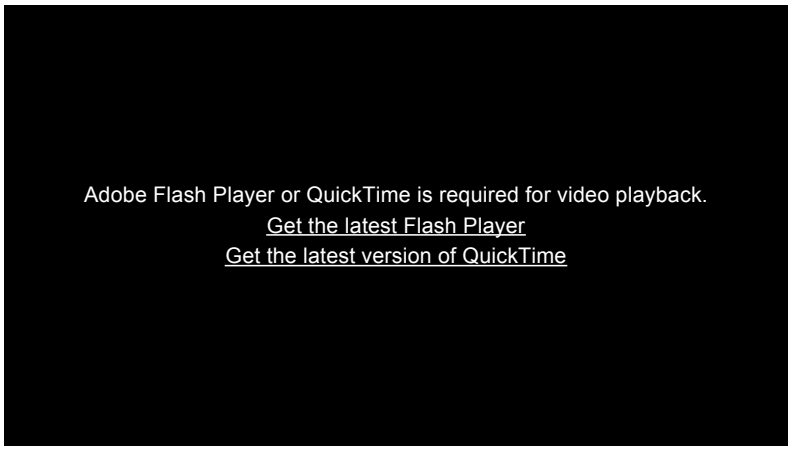


An undergraduate Economics student discusses how guest lecturers, such as Professor Al Roth, can enhance the student experience.

Economics BSc at Birmingham Business School is a very popular degree course and it is recommended to apply early for this highly sought after single honours degree. You will be taught by leading economists and we're renowned for producing high-calibre graduates with an impressive faculty alumni.

- 85% of our graduates go on to careers in professional or managerial jobs
- 95% students believe that they have improved career prospects as a result of this course
- Average starting salaries for our graduates of £26,000

The BSc Economics degree is a solid foundation and gateway to many career options and our extensive **range of module choices (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/undergraduate/econ/economics-bsc.aspx?OpenSection=Modules)** enables you to develop a degree shaped by your interests and skills.

This flexibility means that on completion of your degree, you'll be in high demand by employers in diverse sectors, such as financial management and accountancy, government services, investment and retail banking, teaching, insurance, general management, personnel and journalism.

1st for outstanding teaching, learning and the very best research

The BSc Economics course at Birmingham is ranked 1st out of the **Russell Group of UK universities (http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/our-universities/)**. The Russell Group is committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Interested in combining your studies?

You can also study Economics with a range of modern languages, spending one of your years of study abroad. There is also the option of combining your studies with Geography, Political Science, Russian Studies or Urban and Regional Planning.

Find out more about our **joint honours courses (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/undergraduate/econ/economics-bsc.aspx?OpenSection=JointHonourCombinations)**.

First year

You will be introduced to the core areas of the subject: statistics microeconomics and macroeconomics to ensure you have the right foundations for your degree.You will also learn about computer-based methods for analysing economic data and explore topics in applied economics. There are modules on Economic History along with a Quantitative Methods course for students looking for a higher level of technical skill.

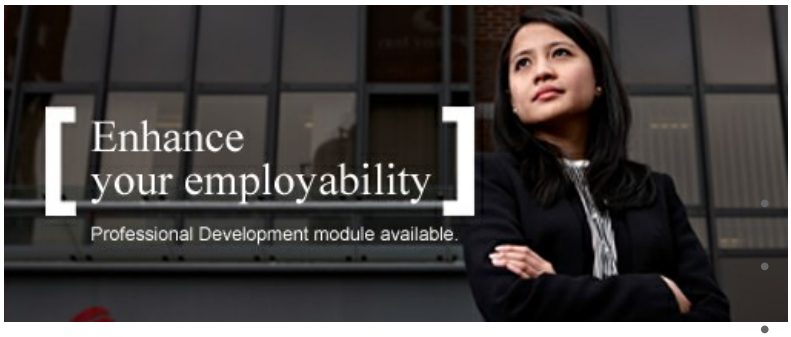
Second year

Your second year will allow you to focus on consolidating the main areas of the subject, whilst enabling you to begin to explore the many optional modules on offer. You might opt for theoretical or mathematical economics or study more applied topics.

Third year

The emphasis in your final year shifts towards applying economic theory and how this impacts on policy-making. You will also write an extended essay drawing on your developed communication skills.

If you want to take advantage of a unique opportunity to be supported with a work placement opportunity as part of your final year, this course includes the opportunity to undertake a '**Professional Development (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)**' module as part of your optional module choices



Why study this course

This course scored highly with our students in the 2013 National Student Survey:

95% students believe that they have improved career prospects as a result of this course

82% student satisfaction i.e. students satisfied with the overall quality of this course

- 90% of our students rated staff good at explaining things

The BSc Economics course at Birmingham is ranked 1st out of the **Russell Group (http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/)** of UK universities.

This programme ranks highly in the top 10 in the Guardian League Tables, positioned 9th out of 71.

85% of our graduates go on to careers in professional or managerial jobs, with average starting salaries of £26,000.

Our BSc Economics course at Birmingham has an excellent reputation for producing graduates that are much in demand, giving you an immediate competitive edge in the jobs market. As well as first-class theory and practical teaching from experts in their field, from day one we will give you all the support and guidance you need to prepare for your career. This includes providing you with lots of opportunities to develop skills employers value, both within your degree programme and outside, such as:

- Applying for an internship, with university-funded bursaries to help with costs
- Joining our Personal Skills Award (PSA) scheme, which credits the work you do on voluntary activities outside your degree or through extra modules you can take over two years
- Becoming 'enterprising' and taking advantage of mentoring and support from ots of 'entrepreneurship and innovation' activities on campus
- Getting involved in our Alumni Mentoring scheme and learning from the best of the best

Modules

First year

- 10 credits - **Principles of Economics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/principles-economics-ab.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Principles of Economics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/principles-economics-ab.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Applied Economics and IT Skills A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/applied-economics-it-skills.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Applied Economics and IT Skills B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/applied-economics-it-skills.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Economic History of Modern Britain 1870-2000 (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/economic-history-modern-britain.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **European Economic Issues (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/european-economic-issues.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Sustainable Development: Economy and Environment (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/sustainable-development.aspx)**

Students **with** A-Level Mathematics grades A, B,C or equivalent must choose this linked module:

- 10 credits - **Advanced Quantitative Economic Methods A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/advanced-quantitative-economic-methods.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Advanced Quantitative Economic Methods B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/advanced-quantitative-economic-methods.aspx)**

Students **without** A-Level Mathematics must choose this linked module:

- 10 credits - **Introductory Quantitative Methods A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/introductory-quantitative-methods.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Introductory Quantitative Methods B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/introductory-quantitative-methods.aspx)**

Optional modules

Choose 20 credits from the following

- 10 credits - **Mathematical Modelling for Economists (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/mathematical-modelling-for-economists.aspx)**
- 20 credits -**Classical Political Thought (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/classical-political-thought.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Computational Methods for Economists (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/computational-methods-for-economists.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Financial and Business Systems (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/financial-business-systems.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **General Principles of English law (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/general-principles-english-law.aspx)**
- 20 credits - **Understanding Politics (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/first-year/understanding-politics.aspx)**

Second year

Compulsory modules

- 10 credits - **Introductory Econometrics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/introductory-econometrics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Introductory Econometrics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/introductory-econometrics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Macroeconomics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/macroeconomics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Macroeconomics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/macroeconomics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Microeconomics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microeconomics-a.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Microeconomics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microeconomics-b.aspx)**

Optional modules

Choose 50 credits

- 10 credits - **Economic Development A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/economic-development.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Economic Development B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/economic-development.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Environmental Economics A (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/environmental-economics.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Environmental Economics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/environmental-economics.aspx)**

- 10 credits - **Microfoundations of Macroeconomics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microfoundations-macroeconomics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Economics of Corporate Finance** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/economics-corporate-finance.aspx)
- 20 credits - **Contemporary Issues in the UK Economy** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/contemporary-issues-uk-economy.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Decision Theory and Games** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/decision-theory-games.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Econometric Methods** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/econometric-methods.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Statistics for Economists** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/statistics-for-economists.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Optimization for Economists** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/optimization-economists.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Regulatory Framework of Banking** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/regulatory-framework-banking.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Economics of Public Expenditure and Infrastructure** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/economics-public-expenditure.aspx)

Third year

Compulsory modules

- 10 credits - **Economics Extended Essay A** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/extended-essay.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Economics Extended Essay B** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/extended-essay.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Topics in Economic Theory and Practice A** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/topics-economic-theory-practice-a.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Topics in Economic Theory and Practice B** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/topics-economic-theory-practice-b.aspx)

Optional modules

If you want to take advantage of a unique opportunity to be supported with a work placement opportunity as part of your final year, this course includes the opportunity to undertake a '**Professional Development** (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx) ' module as part of your optional module choices

Choose 80 credits from the following

- 10 credits - **Applied Economics of the European Community A** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/applied-econometrics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Applied Economics of the European Community B** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/applied-economics-european-community.aspx)
- 10 credits - **History of Economic Thought A** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/history-economic-thought.aspx)
- 10 credits - **History of Economic Thought B** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/history-economic-thought.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Russian Economy: From Plan to Market A** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/russian-economy-a.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Russian Economy: From Plan to Market B** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/russian-economy-b.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Applied Econometrics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/applied-econometrics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Behavioural and Experimental Economics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/behavioural-and-experimental-economics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Econometric Theory** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/econometric-theory.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Economic Policy and Political Economy** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economic-policy-and-political-economy.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Economics of Financial Markets** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-financial-markets.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Game Theory** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/game-theory.aspx)
- 10 credits - **General Equilibrium and Welfare** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/general-equilibrium-welfare.aspx)
- 10 credits - **International Trade Theory and Policy for Europe** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/international-trade-theory-policy-europe.aspx)
- 10 credits - **International and European Monetary Issues** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/international-european-monetary-issues.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Introduction to International Trade** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/introduction-international-trade.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Economics of Banking** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-banking.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Health Economics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/health-economics.aspx)
- 20 credits - **Labour Economics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/labour-economics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Monetary Policy** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/monetary-policy.aspx)
- 10 credits - **Open Economy Macroeconomics** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/open-economy-macroeconomics.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Economics of Uncertainty and Information** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/economics-uncertainty-information.aspx)
- 10 credits - **The Theory of Industrial Organisation** (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/third-year/theory-industrial-organisation.aspx)
- 20 credits - **Professional Development module** (/undergraduate/courses/business/placements-module/professional-development-module.aspx)

Fees and funding

Standard fees (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/fees/standard) apply
Learn more about **fees and funding** (/undergraduate/fees/loans.aspx)

Scholarships
Learn more about our **scholarships and awards** (/undergraduate/fees/funding/index.aspx)

Entry requirements

Number of A levels required: 3

Typical offer: AAA

Required subjects and grades: GCSE Mathematics grade A if not offered at AS or A2 level

General Studies: not accepted

Additional information:

Other qualifications are considered – learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements)**

International students:

International Baccalaureate Diploma: 36–38 points

Standard English language requirements apply
Learn more about **international entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/requirements/international)**

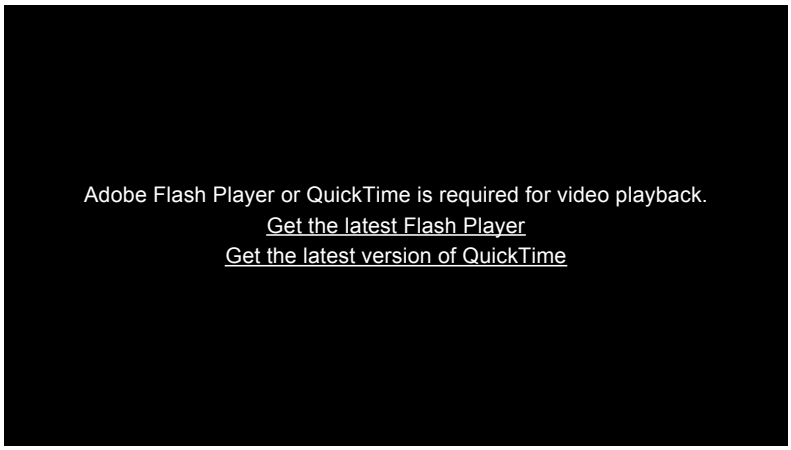
Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the **foundation academy web pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx)** .

How to apply

Apply through the **UCAS website (http://www.ucas.com/)** using code **L100**.

The below video is a step-by-step guide on applying through the UCAS process.

UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is a UK organisation responsible for managing applications to university and college.



View further advice on '**How to apply for undergraduate courses (/undergraduate/courses/apply/how-to-apply-for-ug-courses.aspx)** ', including advice for UK, EU and overseas applicants.

Joint Honours combinations

Other ways to study Economics

- Economics with Central and East European Studies BSc
- **Economics with German BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-german.aspx)**
- **Economics with Italian BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-italian.aspx)**
- **Economics with Japanese BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-japanese.aspx)**
- **Economics with Portuguese BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-portuguese.aspx)**
- Economics with Russian Studies BSc
- **Economics with Spanish BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/economics-spanish.aspx)**
- **Geography and Economics Joint Honours BSc (/undergraduate/courses/econ/geography-economy-joint.aspx)**

Key Information Set (KIS)

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full- or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students.

All KIS information has been published on the Unistats website and can also be accessed via the small advert, or 'widget', below. On the **Unistats website (http://unistats.direct.gov.uk)** you are able to compare all the KIS data for each course with data for other courses.

The development of Key Information Sets (KIS) formed part of HEFCE's work to enhance the information that is available about higher education. They give you access to reliable and comparable information in order to help you make informed decisions about what and where to study.

The KIS contains information which prospective students have identified as useful, such as student satisfaction, graduate outcomes, learning and teaching activities, assessment methods, tuition fees and student finance, accommodation and professional accreditation.

Related news and events

BSc Economics student selected to take part in the British Council's 2014 UK-China Student Forum (/schools/business/departments/economics/news/2014/may/british-councils-2014-uk-china-student-forum.aspx)

Highlighted Alumni Profile - Chris Morgan (/schools/business/departments/economics/news/alumni-profile-chris-morgan.aspx)

Price of living with landfill (/research/our/news/items/landfill.aspx)

The HS2 Rail Proposal: a difficult political decision (/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2013/01/hs2-proposal.aspx)

National Student Survey Results 2013 Infographic (/schools/business/news/2013/august/national-student-survey-results-2013-infographic.aspx)

Learning and teaching

Economics is a department within Birmingham Business School, which has many strong links with industry. As well as exploring theoretical aspects, you'll find that your degree has a strong practical focus, and this is reflected in the way you'll be taught. Learning from experts in their field, you will be encouraged to think for yourself and will experience a number of different learning settings, including lectures, tutorials and even the opportunity to be involved in our Economics Laboratory.

Our aim is to equip you with specific skills in economics, but also generic skills that can be applied right across the job spectrum, such as analytical and data analysis.

As a Birmingham student you are part of an academic elite and will learn from world-leading experts.

How will I be taught?

During your time at the Business School you will experience teaching through a mixture of lectures and tutorials. Small-group tutorials/personal tutorials run alongside our lectures, addressing any individual problems you may have and allowing you to consolidate lecture material, as well as test your understanding through problem-solving exercises.

Self study is an essential part of the programme and requires self motivation and enthusiasm for your subject and allows you to pursue your own lines of enquiry and become an independent thinker.

Assessment

You are assessed mainly through examinations, with some assessed assignments for more practical modules. Whilst abroad you will complete an essay, which is to be examined for both language and economics content, and you will also write an extended essay in your fourth year, allowing you to consolidate the wide range of your acquired skills.

Skills gained

At the end of this degree, you should have a good appreciation of economics relating to financial markets and institutions; quantitative techniques for empirical analysis of economic and financial data; accounting concepts relevant to financial market analysis; the legal aspects of financial services; and the history, culture, political structure and economy of the relevant European country, allied to a high level of linguistic skill.

Contact hours

As well as time with your lecturers and personal tutor, academic and professional services staff (like our dedicated **Careers Network (/undergraduate/careers/careers-network.aspx)** team) will be available to offer individual and group support throughout your time here at Birmingham.

Learning Settings

Your learning will take place in a range of different settings, from scheduled teaching in lectures and small group tutorials, to self-study and peer group learning (for example preparing and delivering presentations with your classmates).

Click and drag in the image above to take a virtual tour of our campus.

You'll find our Economics department staff here at Birmingham located in a building at the heart of our world famous main campus in Edgbaston, Birmingham. The main Edgbaston campus is close to the city centre but has all the amenities of a small town, as well as its own railway station.

In 2012, Birmingham Business School founded and invested in **The Birmingham Experimental Economics Laboratory (/schools/business/departments/economics/research/birmingham-experimental-economics-laboratory.aspx)** (BEEL) which enables economics experiments to take place on campus. The laboratory focuses on research into individual and strategic decision making and students are actively encouraged to participate in these experiments.

Support

To begin with you may find this way of working challenging, but rest assured that we'll enable you to make this transition. You will have access to a comprehensive support system that will assist and encourage you, including personal tutors and welfare tutors who can help with both academic and welfare issues, and a **formal transition review (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/transitionreview/index.aspx)** during your first year to check on your progress and offer you help for any particular areas where you need support.

Our Academic Skills Centre also offers you support with your learning. The centre is a place where you can develop your mathematical, academic writing and general

academic skills. It is the centre's aim to help you to become a more effective and independent learner through the use of a range of high-quality and appropriate learning support services. These range from drop-in sessions with support with mathematics and statistics based problems provided by experienced mathematicians, to workshops on a range of topics including note talking, reading, writing and presentation skills.

Virtual and enquiry based learning

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is an excellent tool for supporting our academic courses, allowing you to share thoughts on assignments with other students via the discussion group facilities, and even submit your work electronically.

Enquiry Based Learning (EBL) is a group activity which requires you to work in a team, with a variety of assessment methods; in either a group or individually, by written reports and sometimes as a presentation. Based on techniques used in research-led organisations like the University of Birmingham, EBL gives you a research-orientated approach to a problem and helps you to gain essential skills that are highly valued by employers.

Assessment methods

Studying at degree-level is likely to be very different from your previous experience of learning and teaching. You will be expected to think, discuss and engage critically with the subject and find things out for yourself. We will enable you to make this transition to a new style of learning, and the way that you are assessed during your studies will help you develop the essential skills you need to make a success of your time at Birmingham.

You'll be assessed in a variety of ways, and these may be different with each module that you take. You will be assessed through coursework which may take the form of essays, group and individual presentations, laboratory-based work (depending on your chosen degree) and formal exams.

Throughout the degree, you will receive timely, constructive feedback on your work to help you progress and address any areas that may require attention. This will include written feedback on your assessments, class feedback sessions and discussions with your tutor.

At the beginning of each module, you'll be given information on how and when you'll be assessed for that particular programme of study. You'll receive feedback on each assessment within four weeks, so that you can learn from and build on what you have done. You'll be given feedback on any exams that you take; if you should fail an exam we will ensure that particularly detailed feedback is made available to enable you to learn for the future.

Your work will be assessed both through your end-of-year exams and coursework, and of course in your final year you will also produce an extended essay to demonstrate your communication skills.

Employability

A degree in Economics provides the skills required for a very wide range of careers. These skills are useful in the financial sector, general commerce, public sector, journalism and education to name but a few. Many employers will value the training that an Economics degree provides. The University of Birmingham is known to produce high quality graduates, therefore students are in high demand when they have completed their study.

Student profile

The University of Birmingham offered academic quality, a vibrant city life with fantastic energy and a large number of clubs and societies."

Gary Harper graduated the BSc Economics programme, going on to be a Trainee Analyst with the Bank of England in London; read his story.

Our business degrees have long been recognised by major employers across all sectors of the economy. Our students find employment in areas as diverse as retail management, financial services, accountancy, motor manufacturing, management consultancy and pharmaceuticals; some become self employed.

Your Birmingham degree

Your Birmingham degree is evidence of your ability to succeed in a demanding academic environment. Employers target Birmingham students for their drive, diversity, communication and problem-solving skills, their team-working abilities and cultural awareness, and our graduate employment statistics have continued to climb at a rate well above national trends. If you make the most of the wide range of services you will be able to develop your career from the moment you arrive.

Careers Network

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