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Economics with Portuguese BSc

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The knowledge of the economist and the skill of the linguist make a powerful combination in today's world. With growing globalisation and increasing interdependence in political and commercial life, there is a clear need for graduates equipped with both these abilities.

- 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

Business education since 1902

Business education was pioneered at Birmingham. As the country's first Business School, our range of undergraduate degree courses have always been designed to provide both academic excellence and vocational relevance.

First year

The Economics with Language programmes retain the core structure of the Single Honours Economics degree. They introduce you to the basic concepts and techniques in Economic Analysis, Applied Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, and Economic History. You also take a language module of your choice, which introduces you to the social and political background of the country concerned.

Second year

In this year you take compulsory modules in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, and a language course. The language option includes the exploration of the social and political life and the economic system of the country concerned. You also take a course in Econometrics and choose from a wide range of options including Economic Development and Environmental Economics.

Third year

In the third year you study economics in an appropriate overseas university. You select courses in consultation with your tutor, but the aim is for you to study areas of economics you would not normally have experience of in the UK. You are required to write two essays on Economics topics, one of which will be in the language that you are studying.

Fourth year

You return to Birmingham in the fourth year. In addition, you take a compulsory module in Economic Theory and choose six optional economics modules from a range that includes International Trade, Economics of Financial Markets and European Economics. You also undertake your own research and produce an extended essay on a topic of your own choosing.

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 and 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.

There are lots of opportunities available for you to develop skills employers value both within your degree programme and outside. For example:

- You can apply for an internship, with university funded bursaries to help with costs
- Join our Personal Skills Award (PSA) scheme, which credits the work you do on a voluntary activities outside your degree, or through extra modules you can take over 2 years
- Become 'enterprising' and take advantage of mentoring and help from loads of 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' activities on campus
- Or you could get involved in our Alumni Mentoring scheme and learn from the best of the best

There is also a dedicated team of people who can help and support you including careers and employability advisers, internship officers and an application support

adviser who specialise in working with students just like you. You can ask for individual advice, attend workshops and careers events tailored to your degree programme. You can browse web resources, which includes careers information, job adverts for work experience and internships, details of careers fairs and events such as presentations from past graduates.

Birmingham is just the start of the journey. We'll make sure you have all the support you need to help you develop, gain knowledge and the confidence you will need to make decisions about your future.

Modules

First year

Compulsory

- 10 credits - Portuguese Language A
- 10 credits - Portuguese Language B
- 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 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)**

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)**

Second year

Compulsory

- 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-b.aspx)**
- 10 credits - **Microeconomics B (/undergraduate/courses/econ/undergraduate-modules/second-year/microeconomics-b.aspx)**

Optional

- 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)**
- 20 credits - Intermediate Portuguese Language

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

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

Choose 60 Optional credits from the following. 20 credits of these may be Modules Outside the Main Discipline, if you wish. Where modules are linked both elements must be taken.

- 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)**
- 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. GCSE grade B in a modern language for the ab initio route with advanced route available in certain circumstances.

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 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/ug/courses/fees/standard) apply

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

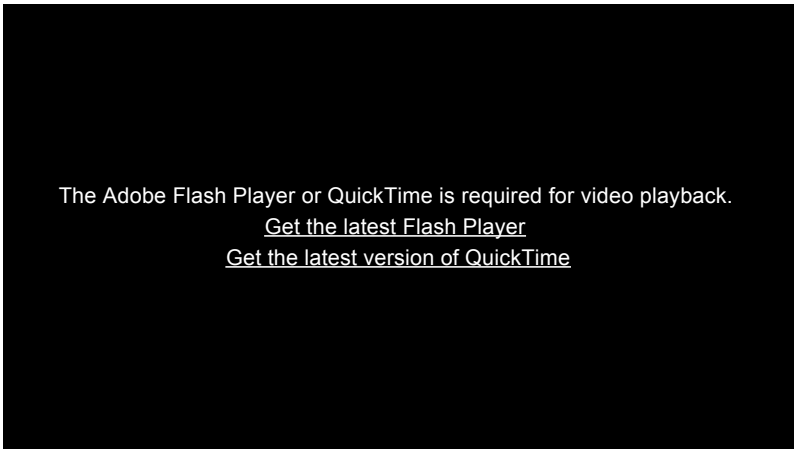
Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the **foundation academy web 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 **L1R5**.

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/index.aspx)** ', including advice for UK, EU and overseas applicants.

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.

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