



BSc Honours in Economics

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- The School was awarded top marks by the Quality Assurance Agency - 24 out of 24 - for its teaching quality in the latest assessment round.
- In terms of research quality, the NSE was placed third for 'research power' in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, with only Oxford and Warwick ranked higher.
- The School is consistently ranked in the top 10 in national rankings of economics departments.
- The Nottingham School of Economics was established in 2010 in Malaysia and in 2011 in the Ningbo Campus in China.





Educational Aims

The Nottingham School of Economics (NSE) is ranked as one of the best Economics Schools in the world. We have a strong commitment to teaching and research of the highest quality. The BSc Honours in Economics is an exciting programme that provides an excellent grounding in contemporary economics and economic theory whilst offering a range of flexible optional modules. Students will also develop research, analysis and critical thinking skills that enable them to pursue successful careers in a wide variety of settings or continue their studies to postgraduate and doctoral level.

Aims of the Programme:

- To gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary economic theories.
- To develop the key analytical skills of an economist
- To engender transferable skills such as teamwork, problem solving and writing
- To produce high quality graduates ready for the world of work or further study

What is Economics?

Life is about choices. However, individuals, firms and governments cannot have everything they want; their desires are constrained by both time and resources, and therefore they must choose from a range of possible options. Does an individual want more leisure time or a higher income? Does a government want to spend more money on hospitals or more on defence? Does a firm cut prices or advertise more to increase sales?

Economics studies the way in which these choices are made, and can inform policy in areas as diverse as education, the environment, commerce, transport, globalisation and health.

Why Study Economics?

Economics is a fascinating, relevant and extremely useful subject even if you do not intend to become an Economist. It is about the real world and the choices we face. It requires you to question how society works and enables you to develop and use a wide range of skills. You can find out more about the reasons for studying Economics at: www.whystudyeconomics.ac.uk

Why Study at the NSE

NSE has an enviable reputation and is consistently ranked in the top ten in national UK rankings. Our School in Malaysia was launched in September 2010 and is an integral part of the NSE and our award winning Malaysia campus. The degree programme is awarded by The University of Nottingham and its teaching follows the same flexible, modular structure as the UK.

Entry requirements

A typical offer is ABB at 'A' level, with variation according to subjects taken and past performance. In addition, we require Mathematics at grade A at O level or Grade A in SPM, and IELTS of 6.5 overall including 6.5 in Reading and Writing and no less than 6 in Listening and Speaking. Malaysian students who have obtained English at Grade A in SPM (or equivalent) may be exempt from IELTS requirements.

Alternative qualifications typically include:

- International Baccalaureate: 32 points, including bonus points.
- STPM: AB+B+, excluding General Studies, with Grade A in SPM Mathematics.
- SAM/AUSMAT/HSC: > ATAR 90.
- Canadian Pre-U: 87% average best in 6 subjects with 70% in Calculus, 80% in Data Management.
- UEC: 6 A's, excluding Bahasa Malaysia and Chinese Language.

Other qualifications may also be acceptable and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.





Course Structure and Assessment

Our course is three years full time. Each year is divided for academic purposes into two semesters. At the end of each semester you will be examined on the modules you have taken. The first year exams are for progression into the second year. The second year exams make up 40% of the final degree, with the remainder in the third year. All modules have some exam based assessment, with the exception of a dissertation in the third year and some modules also contain seminar or essay based elements.

Course Content

All students must complete modules totalling 120 credits each year. Modules usually range from 10-20 credits each. You will have some core compulsory economics modules, but you also have some flexibility and choice. With your non-compulsory credits you can select modules from the Business School. In the final year, students write a dissertation, then take all their remaining credits from optional modules, some from Economics and some from the Business School.

How is the Course Taught?

Teaching is by lectures, tutorials and seminars. You would normally have around 10 hours of teaching each week. Outside taught hours, you will be expected to spend time reading and researching for written assignments. Independent study is a fundamental part of an economics education.

What Careers are Available to Economics Graduates?

An economics degree from Nottingham really will give you a head start in your career. Employers rate our degrees highly and find that our graduates have a strong academic foundation and excellent transferable skills. Our graduates opt for a wide variety of careers, including investment banking, accountancy, tax consultancy, government offices, auditing, derivatives trading, management consultancy, mergers and acquisitions, and many more.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Students on the BSc Economics course will have the opportunity to apply to spend one semester of their second year studying identical modules at the Nottingham UK campus. This is a very exciting chance to soak up a different culture while gaining from the knowledge and experience of the academics in Nottingham. Successful applicants will need to perform well in their first year examinations in order to be eligible for consideration.

Internships

Internship arrangements with local companies and organisations are in preparation and will provide students with valuable working experience.

Overview

The core principles of economics, international economics and quantitative economics are covered and there is an emphasis on economic issues of regional and global concern. Students on this degree will develop the analytical and discursive skills of a well-trained economist.

Year One (Qualifying Year)

This provides a rigorous grounding in economic theory and quantitative methods, and emphasises the relevance of such methods to the study of economic questions of cultural, political or social importance.

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Quantitative Economics I
- Quantitative Economics II
- Plus free credits to use either on further Economics modules or modules from the Business School.

Year Two

- Microeconomic Theory
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Quantitative Economics III
- Quantitative Economics IV
- Plus free credits to use either on further Economics modules or modules from the Business School.

Year Three

Dissertation

100 credits from a list of optional modules

All information is correct at the time of going to print, but the modules available are subject to change.



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