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Welcome from the Head of the Department

The Department of Economics offers high quality undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, led by cutting edge research in the fields of business, economics and finance.

We are a young, dynamic, vibrant economics department, and among the best in the UK:

- 100% of the Department of Economic's research work has been rated as world leading, internationally excellent or recognised internationally in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).
- We have been awarded a maximum teaching rating of 24/24 by the UK government's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

We welcome talented students and leading researchers from countries all over the world. The Department has a great history and an exciting future and invites you to be part of our continuing success.

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A Leading Department

The Department of Economics was established in 1932, and is now one of the largest departments of economics in the UK. The Department has 34 academic staff, ten of whom are professors, and a graduating class of over 260 students across eight degree programmes.

We have a reputation for teaching and research excellence that few other economics departments can match.

The Department gained formal recognition for its excellent teaching with the award of the maximum score

of 24/24 from the latest (2001) UK Quality Assurance Agency Review. (For further information please visit www.qaa.ac.uk).

At the forefront of research in business, economics and finance, 100% of the

Department of Economics research work has been rated as world leading, internationally excellent or internationally significant in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). Please visit (www.rae.ac.uk).

In macroeconomics, staff have produced research on central bank independence, economic growth and development, economic transition in Eastern Europe, the East-Asia crisis and UK monetary and fiscal policy.

Research on microeconomic issues includes studies into auctions and incentives, behavioural finance, labour market search, the microeconomics of banking, the economics of education, state and market provision of shared goods and the informal economy.

Our graduates are employed in high-level positions in banking, consultancy, finance, accountancy and government. Our academic staff are widely consulted by government agencies in various countries around the world. Staff also provide their expertise to international economic institutions such as the IMF, OECD and the World Bank, along with commercial organisations and the media. This emphasis on research with a real world impact directly informs our teaching and contributes to the success of our graduating classes.



Degree Programmes

Our degrees are split between Economics, Banking and Finance, Business Economics, Financial Economics, Mathematics, Politics, and Management Studies. Most of our degrees are offered via BA and BSc routes and are designed for students with different interests, career plans and academic backgrounds.

Our BA/BSc Degrees

Our BA degrees offer the opportunity to pursue individual interests through a broad range of options and the final year dissertation. They have a mathematical content suitable for students with GCSE grade B, or equivalent.

Our BSc degrees use mathematics and advanced statistical techniques applied to a range of economic, business or financial issues. These degrees are specially designed for students who wish to build on the foundation of a Mathematics A-Level or equivalent.

Our BA Economics and BSc Economics degrees offer broad coverage of modern micro and macroeconomics with opportunities to specialise in chosen areas throughout the programme. They are particularly suited to careers in management and finance.

Our BA Business Economics and BSc Business Economics degrees examine contemporary economics and its application to business and financial decision-making.

Our BA and BSc Financial Economics and our BA and BSc Banking and Finance degrees are designed for careers in banking and finance. The Financial Economics degrees explore modern economics and its application to national and international financial systems and institutions, whilst the Banking and Finance degrees specialise in financial intermediation and management.



BSc Mathematics with Economics: Offers the opportunity to study mathematics as the major subject while pursuing mainstream courses in economics.

BA Management Studies with Economics: Explores the intellectual synergies between management and economics and teaches essential analytic techniques of both subjects.

BA Politics and Economics: Explores political ideas, political ideologies and political systems together with the underlying economic realities. Teaches the analytic techniques of politics and economics.

All our degrees include:

- Core modules in micro and macroeconomics in the first and second years. In microeconomics you will cover issues relating to the behaviour of individuals, households and firms. In macroeconomics you will look at issues relating to the economy as a whole – such as economic growth, inflation and government policy.
- An emphasis on the development of transferable skills in numeracy, IT, communications and problem solving, as well as key skills for further study at graduate level.
- The opportunity to produce a dissertation or project in the final year, in a particular area of interest chosen by you.

BA Economics

(L100)

Our BA Economics Course:

- Provides training in modern economic analysis, economic policy issues and research techniques.
- Fosters analytical abilities and methods of critical appraisal, which provide transferable skills needed for graduate employment.
- Provides critical learning skills appropriate for postgraduate study.
- Is designed for students who have a minimum of a GCSE Mathematics grade B, or equivalent.
- Equips you for a career in the public and private sector, including financial services, business management and the government economic service.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year	Second Year	Final Year
<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Microeconomics 1 Applying Maths to Economics IT for Economists Financial Markets and Institutions</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Macroeconomics 1 Using Economic Data Solving Economic Problems</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 1 Foundation of Macro Theory Statistics for Economics & Business Game Theory</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 2 Macroeconomics and Finance Intro Econometrics The Economics of Development and Human Capital</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Advanced Microeconomics Business Management and Strategy</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Advanced Macroeconomics Dissertation and Research Presentation Skills Government Intervention in the Economy</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 1 Two optional modules chosen from:</p> <p>International Finance Financial Derivatives Managerial Economics The Global Economy</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 2 One optional module chosen from:</p> <p>Accounting Investment Management Webonomics</p>
<p>“The economics department has provided me with an awesome experience, pushing my skills beyond my own expectations. With an excellent working and social environment, the University of Leicester is definitely the place to study economics.”</p> <p>Yusuf Morientes, BA Economics Graduate and Treasurer of the Economics Society</p>		

BSc Economics

(L102)

Our BSc Economics course:

- Provides a specialist in-depth understanding of the application of mathematics and statistics to core areas of economics.
- Is designed for students who wish to build on the foundation of a Mathematics A-Level, or equivalent.
- Combines training in economics with modules in econometrics, statistical modelling and forecasting.
- Offers an excellent preparation for careers in economic research, statistical forecasting and econometrics, as well as those in traditional areas of economics such as management, finance and accountancy.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Microeconomics 1
Calculus for Economists
IT for Economists
Probability and Probability Distributions

Semester 2 Core Modules

Macroeconomics 1
Sampling, Estimation and Hypothesis Testing
Linear Algebra and Optimisation for Economists

Second Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 1
Foundation of Macro Theory
Econometrics 1
Game Theory

Semester 2 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 2
Macroeconomics and Finance
Econometrics 2
The Economics of Development and Human capital

Final Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Advanced Microeconomics
Econometrics 3
Business Management and Strategy

Final Year

Semester 2 Core Modules

Advanced Macroeconomics
Applied Econometrics Project
Government Intervention in the Economy

Optional Modules – Semester 1

Two optional modules chosen from:

International Finance
Financial Derivatives
Managerial Economics
The Global Economy

Optional Modules – Semester 2

One optional module chosen from:

Accounting
Investment Management
Webonomics
Advanced Mathematical and Statistical Methods

“ I think BSc Economics is a very challenging but fulfilling course.”

Tomide Awe
BSc Economics Graduate

BA Banking and Finance

(LN13)

Our BA Banking and Finance course:

- Combines the study of modern economics with banking and finance.
- Provides the opportunity to learn about a broad portfolio of subjects including banking, financial intermediation, asset and liability management, financial decision making, financial markets and institutions, and accounting.
- Encourages the development of quantitative, communication and IT skills, and their application in banking and finance contexts.
- Prepares you for careers and training opportunities in the private sector, including banking and finance, and in central banking and regulatory agencies.
- Is designed for students who have a minimum of a GCSE Mathematics grade B, or equivalent.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year	Second Year	Final Year
<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Microeconomics 1 Applying Maths to Economics IT for Economists Financial Markets and Institutions</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Macroeconomics 1 Using Economic Data Solving Economic Problems</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 1 Foundation of Macro Theory Statistics for Economics & Business Principles of Banking</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 2 Macroeconomics and Finance Intro Econometrics Principles of Finance</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>International Finance Financial Derivatives</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Corporate Finance and the Capital Market Dissertation and Research Presentation Skills Investment Management</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 1 Two optional modules chosen from:</p> <p>Advanced Microeconomics Business Management and Strategy Managerial Economics The Global Economy</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 2 One optional module chosen from:</p> <p>Advanced Macroeconomics Accounting Government Intervention in the Economy Webonomics</p>

“The course provides you with exactly what it is says on the tin.”

Devraj Ray

3rd year, BA Banking and Finance

BA Business Economics

(L112)

Our BA Business Economics course:

- Combines the study of economics with a wide variety of business and finance-related topics, both as core and optional subjects. It also promotes awareness of the business and financial environment and current business issues.
- Develops understanding of modern economic ideas, and their relevance to business and financial decision-making.
- Encourages the development of quantitative, communication and IT skills, and their application in business contexts.
- Designed for students who have a minimum of a GCSE Mathematics grade B, or equivalent.
- Prepares graduates for careers in the business and financial sector, including business management, finance and accountancy.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year	Second Year	Final Year
<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Microeconomics 1 Applying Maths to Economics IT for Economists Financial Markets and Institutions</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Macroeconomics 1 Using Economic Data Solving Economic Problems</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 1 Foundation of Macro Theory Statistics for Economics & Business Game Theory</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Intermediate Microeconomics 2 Macroeconomics and Finance Intro Econometrics Principles of Finance</p>	<p>Semester 1 Core Modules</p> <p>Business Management and Strategy Managerial Economics</p> <p>Semester 2 Core Modules</p> <p>Corporate Finance and the Capital Market Dissertation and Research Presentation Skills Accounting</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 1 Two optional modules chosen from:</p> <p>Advanced Microeconomics International Finance Financial Derivatives The Global Economy</p> <p>Optional Modules – Semester 2 One optional module chosen from:</p> <p>Advanced Macroeconomics Investment Management Government Intervention in the Economy Webonomics</p>

“Surrounding yourself with a motivating and inspiring environment can only make you grasp a better understanding of your field ultimately benefiting your future.”

Antony Le
BA Business Economics Graduate

BSc Business Economics

(L113)

Our BSc Business Economics course:

- Offers an opportunity for students with a quantitative background to study economics and business economics in an applied setting.
- Is designed for students who wish to build on the foundation of a Mathematics A-Level, or equivalent.
- Combines training in economics and business economics with the study of statistics, statistical modelling and forecasting.
- Prepares you for a career in business, management, finance, and accountancy as well as quantitatively orientated careers in economic and business research, statistical forecasting as well as for quantitatively and econometrics.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Microeconomics 1
Calculus for Economists
IT for Economists
Probability and Probability Distributions

Semester 2 Core Modules

Macroeconomics 1
Sampling, Estimation and Hypothesis Testing
Linear Algebra and Optimisation for Economists

“ I learned a lot from the course, not just academically but culturally as well, as it was a course with a very international environment. ”

Mishry Shaunik

1st class Honours Graduate in BSc
Business Economics

Second Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 1
Foundation of Macro Theory
Econometrics 1
Game Theory

Semester 2 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 2
Macroeconomics and Finance
Econometrics 2
Principles of Finance

Final Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Econometrics 3
Business Management and Strategy
Managerial Economics

Final Year (continued)

Semester 2 Core Modules

Corporate Finance and the Capital Market
Applied Econometrics Project
Accounting

Optional Modules – Semester 1

One optional module chosen from:

Advanced Microeconomics
International Finance
Financial Derivatives
The Global Economy

Optional Modules – Semester 2

One optional module chosen from:

Advanced Macroeconomics
Investment Management
Government Intervention in the Economy
Webonomics
Advanced Mathematical and Statistical Methods

“The great thing about studying Business Economics at Leicester is the lecturers are overflowing with interesting facts that I can now implement in academic conversation and in interviews.”

Nick Wilson

BA Business Economics Graduate



BA Financial Economics

(L111)

Our BA Financial Economics course:

- Explores modern economics and its application to financial systems and institutions in an international context.
- Introduces techniques of financial economics such as derivatives pricing, risk management methods and portfolio management.
- Provides the opportunity to critically analyse economic events with reference to their impact on financial markets, using financial software and data sources.
- Is designed for students who have a minimum of a GCSE Mathematics grade B, or equivalent.
- Prepares graduates for careers and training opportunities in both the public and private sectors, including banking and finance, central banking and regulatory agencies.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Microeconomics 1
Applying Maths to Economics
IT for Economists
Financial Markets and Institutions

Semester 2 Core Modules

Macroeconomics 1
Using Economic Data
Solving Economic Problems

Second Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 1
Foundation of Macro Theory
Statistics for Economics & Business
Principles of Banking

Semester 2 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 2
Macroeconomics and Finance
Intro Econometrics
Principles of Finance

Final Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

International Finance
Financial Derivatives

Semester 2 Core Modules

Corporate Finance and the Capital Market
Dissertation and Research Presentation Skills
Accounting

Optional Modules – Semester 1

Two optional modules chosen from:

Advanced Microeconomics
Business Management and Strategy
Managerial Economics
The Global Economy

Optional Modules – Semester 2

One optional module chosen from:

Advanced Macroeconomics
Investment Management
Government Intervention in the Economy
Webonomics

“The course offers the perfect balance of specialist financial modules combined with broader economics modules that really give a thorough understanding of how markets operate and why.”

Johnathan Dobney

1st class BA Honours Graduate in Financial Economics

BSc Financial Economics

(L115)

Our BSc Financial Economics:

- Provides a specialist in-depth understanding of core areas of financial economics for students with a quantitative background.
- Is designed for students who wish to build on the foundation of a Mathematics A-Level, or equivalent.
- Provides an opportunity to critically analyse economic events and their impact on financial markets, making extensive use of financial economics and econometrics software and data sources.
- Prepares graduates for specialist quantitatively orientated careers in financial economics, research and forecasting, as well as those in the areas of business management, finance, banking and accountancy.
- Prepares you for independent study and research at the postgraduate level.



Module Programme

First Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Microeconomics 1
 Calculus for Economists
 IT for Economists
 Probability and Probability Distributions

Semester 2 Core Modules

Macroeconomics 1
 Sampling, Estimation and Hypothesis Testing
 Linear Algebra and Optimisation for Economists

Second Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 1
 Foundation of Macro Theory
 Econometrics 1
 Principles of Banking

Semester 2 Core Modules

Intermediate Microeconomics 2
 Macroeconomics and Finance
 Econometrics 2
 Principles of Finance

Final Year

Semester 1 Core Modules

Econometrics 3
 International Finance
 Financial Derivatives

Final Year (continued)

Semester 2 Core Modules

Corporate Finance and the Capital Market
 Applied Econometrics Project
 Accounting

Optional Modules – Semester 1

One optional module chosen from:

Advanced Microeconomics
 Business Management and Strategy
 Managerial Economics
 The Global Economy

Optional Modules – Semester 2

One optional module chosen from:

Advanced Macroeconomics
 Investment Management
 Government Intervention in the Economy
 Webonomics
 Advanced Mathematical and Statistical Methods

“ A varied, interesting and challenging course which has prepared me well for a future in finance.”

Stephen Percival

BSc Financial Economics Graduate

Student Experiences



Johan Rewilak

“After returning to Leicester for my PhD after successful completion of my Bachelors it has re-affirmed my belief that Leicester is one of the top end institutions in the UK. The high level of teaching, coupled with courses that are challenging and useful for building successful careers have enhanced my employability.”

Johan Rewilak

BA Economics, 2008 (1st) with Arthur Pool Memorial Prize. Now currently studying a PhD in Finance and Poverty Alleviation with the Department of Economics

“I immensely enjoyed studying at the University of Leicester in the Economics department. The technical aspect of the BSc course helped me capitalise on the University’s partnership with the Econometrics department of Mediacom, a leading Media Agency, and I am using what I learnt during my time in Leicester on a day-to-day basis.”

Joanne Napper

BSc Economics, 2009. Now working for Company: MediaCom as Graduate Econometrician



Joanne Napper



Owen Jones

“I fully enjoyed my time studying Economics at the University of Leicester and I have gained invaluable skills that I frequently use in the workplace. The most significant of these was gaining a firm understanding of both qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques that I do not believe that one would gain from most other degree courses, which has invariably helped me advance so quickly during my career in the charity sector.”

Owen Jones

BA Economics, 2008 Graduate. Also former Executive for the University of Leicester Students’ Union

Joint Economics Courses

BSc Mathematics with Economics (G1L1)

- A degree course in mathematics is offered which provides the opportunity to pursue modules within the mainstream of economics.
- Essential techniques are taught in analysis, algebra, applied mathematics, and statistics.
- The core subjects of microeconomics and macroeconomics are taught in the first and second years.
- The opportunity is provided of specialising in statistics and econometrics.
- In the third year, choices can be made from a wide range of courses in mathematics and economics.

For full details, please contact admit@mcs.le.ac.uk, or call +44 (0)116 252 3603, or visit www.math.le.ac.uk

BA Management Studies with Economics (NL21)

- A challenging curriculum is provided that explores the intellectual synergies between management and economics.
- A foundation course in management is taught that also examines business practices and the business environment.
- The core subjects of microeconomics and macroeconomics are taught in the first and second years.
- In the third year, either management studies or economics can be emphasized by choosing from a wide range of courses.

For full details, please contact ulsm@le.ac.uk, or call +44 (0)116 252 5520, or visit www.le.ac.uk/ulmc

BA Politics and Economics (LL12)

- Political ideas and political ideologies are described and analysed, and diverse political systems and their problems are considered.
- The core subjects of microeconomics and macroeconomics are taught in the first and second years.
- Basic mathematical and statistical techniques are taught which are relevant to the solution of economic problems.
- In the third year, choices can be made from a wide range of courses in politics and economics.

For full details, please contact politics@le.ac.uk, or call +44 (0)116 252 2702, or visit www.le.ac.uk/politics



International Foundation Year Programme (L101)



This one year course offers:

The foundation year offers preparation for degrees in our department for international students who do not meet the requirements for direct entry on to our first year. The foundation year is based in the International Study Centre on campus and offers:

- Specialist preparation for your degree
- Flexible entry dates
- Assured progression to your degree provided that you meet the specified requirements
- Full access to University facilities
- Personal academic monitoring and support
- University-style teaching

Progression to our degrees

To progress onto our BA degree programmes you will need to attain 60% overall in your foundation course and 65% in Principles of Economics 1 and 2 and 65% in Core Mathematics and 50% in English.

To progress onto our BSc degree programmes you will need to attain 60% overall in your foundation course and 65% in Principles of Economics 1 and 2 and 65% in Pure Mathematics and 50% in English.

For Further Information

If you need further information, our expert student enrolment advisors are available for help and advice.

You can contact them through our website or on the numbers below.

t: +44 1273 339339; **f:** +44 1273 339340

One Year Course

Modules Studied Include:

- Foundation English Skills 1
- Foundation English Skills 2
- Study Skills in the British Environment
- Project Study, including Computing (Word Processing) Skills
- Core Mathematics
- Principles of Economics 1
- Principles of Economics 2
- Business Law
 - a) Introduction to Financial Accountancy **or**
 - b) English Legal System
 - a) Introduction to Business Studies **or**
 - b) British Political System

Entry Qualifications:

We welcome a wide range of international qualifications from students who should have ideally completed twelve years of formal education.

Some examples include:

Lise Diplomasi (Turkey), Senior High School Graduation Diploma (China, Taiwan), Standard XII (India), SMA (Indonesia), Maw 6 (Thailand) and KCSE (Kenya).

We also accept SPM or MICSS (Malaysia), IGCSE and GCE O Level with some additional qualifications.

How to Apply

You can apply directly by contacting a student enrolment advisor through the following website: www.le.ac.uk/isc

ERASMUS (European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students)

“There will be no other time in your life that you will be able to study abroad for a whole year, party with people from a whole wealth of different cultures and have fun in a completely new way. I haven't looked back since.”

Max Cawthorn

BA in Economics Graduate (studied at the University of Regensburg).



Night scene in Regensburg

Our Erasmus programme provides you with the opportunity to transfer in your first year to a four year version of your degree course. This will enable you to then spend your third year at a University abroad where you will follow appropriate courses and improve your language skills, before returning to complete your final year at Leicester. During your second year, you will also be offered language tuition by the University's languages unit in preparation of your year abroad.

These degrees offer you an excellent opportunity to broaden your studies either in English or in a foreign language and to enhance your career prospects.

Subjects studied during the year abroad can include areas of economics, business, management, law, European history and politics and computing. Our students have recently studied modules such as: retail management, development of the Swedish welfare state, poverty analysis in developing countries, innovation management, European institutions and economics, law of the firm and computing applications in business.

We have carefully chosen links with some of the top European universities, offering opportunities to study at:

- Universite de Toulouse, France
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Universitat de Valencia, Spain
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
- Göteborg Universitet, Sweden
- Universitat Regensburg, Germany
- Università degli studi di Roma, Italy "Tor vergeta"
- Università degli studi di Milano, Italy "Tor vergeta"
- Panepistimio Kyprou, Cyprus

Studying at Toulouse, Valencia, Madrid, Regensburg or Cyprus will help you to become fluent in French, Spanish, German or Greek. Universities in Göteborg and Italy offer courses taught in English with the opportunity to take language modules in Swedish and Italian.



Supporting Your Studies

The University is one of the leading providers of higher education in the UK and is able to offer you an excellent environment, with high quality resources, facilities and support services to help you learn and study. Leicester is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world.*

* QS World University Ranking 2011

Academic Skills

The University offers a range of facilities to help you achieve success and make the most of your time at Leicester. All students are assigned a personal tutor who has a pastoral role and can offer support and advice. Learning Development, part of the University's Student Support and Development Service, also provides opportunities for the development of skills. Services include a varied programme of workshops and discussion based activities, introducing new skills as well as supporting the development of existing abilities.

International Students Support

The Department of Economics has a history of welcoming international students and supporting them throughout their studies. The University offers many tailored facilities to help international students, including the English Language Teaching Unit, an orientation programme and help and advice with visa renewal. The University is also able to guarantee a single place in University accommodation for all international students who submit a completed accommodation form by the 1st September. For further information please visit

www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Library

The University's Library has high quality electronic and printed resources in all subject fields included in the Department's research and teaching programmes. Students have networked access to key electronic sources, including bibliographic databases, electronic full-text journal and books.

The University's library team is committed to helping students find out more about the University's and how to use them effectively; individual assistance is available in person, by phone or e-mail from specially trained staff.

Financial Support

Up-to-date information on financial support available to home/EU students can be found at www.le.ac.uk/fees

The University also has a number of scholarships on offer each year to international applicants. Students are only eligible for consideration for a scholarship after they have received a formal offer from the University; the closing date for applications is 30 April. The University also operates a Loyalty Discount Scheme for the siblings, partners or children of students from outside the EU, which entitles them to a 10% reduction in fees. For UK and EU students, general information about grants and awards can be found at www.le.ac.uk/fees

Teaching

Typically, each module involves a programme of twenty lectures. Although module structures vary, this means you are likely to have eight hours of lectures and four hours of classes or tutorials per week. The lecture programme is supported by small-group tutorials, seminars or practical classes, designed to encourage discussion, exploration and application of issues arising from the lecture material.

Economics teaching is supported by a range of interactive computer learning software packages including WinEcon, EViews, Stata and OxMetrics. Computing sessions include



“The way the courses are structured is ideal for those who live an active life. It allows you to make the most out of student life.”

Manish Jogia
BSc Business Economics Graduate

worksheets giving objectives, hints and alternative approaches to studying the material, and web quizzes which offer immediate feedback. Students can use these as often as they wish and find them particularly helpful for revision.

The BA programmes offer specially designed first year modules to introduce students with GCSE mathematics to the mathematical, statistical and computing techniques required in their economics study.

Your tutor will show you how to work through examples as well as being available during their office hours to answer questions on a one-to-one basis. They also provide written feedback on your progress.

Our teaching material is immediately accessible on the web from any of the PCs around the campus.



“ I have had a brilliant time at the University of Leicester. The Economics Department has been Excellent. Everything I have been taught, has been applicable to real life scenarios, and not just theory! ”

Nardeep Singh Sehra
BA Financial Economics Graduate

Independent Study

As your degree programme progresses, more of your time will be spent in independent study outside formal lectures and tutorials. The importance of this is emphasised for BA students by including a dissertation as a major part of the final year programme.

BSc students undertake a statistics project in each of their second and third years, and can opt to complete a dissertation in the final year if they wish.

This independent research work encourages students to apply economic concepts, analysis and techniques to a problem or situation they have chosen to study.

Some recent dissertation topics have included:

- The profitability of premiership football clubs
- Tourism in developing countries
- Is the National Lottery an economic stimulus?
- Market power: a case study of Microsoft
- The rise and fall of the Asian tigers
- The future of trade via the internet
- Merges in the banking industry
- The dynamics of the stock market

During the course of your dissertation or project you will acquire numerous transferable skills that we hope you will find invaluable in your chosen career.

Computing

The Department of Economics is committed to enhancing the quality of teaching through the use of computer applications, and all students are encouraged to develop the communications and information technology skills that will be important to them in their careers.

The University has excellent computing facilities and all students have access to the University PC network and the internet. Open-access computer labs are located in the main teaching buildings and are open for students to use during the day and in some cases throughout the night. The Library also has Wi-Fi access throughout.

Student Feedback

The views of our students are important. We are aware of and responsive to their attitudes and concerns. Student views of lectures and tutorial teaching are gathered regularly through questionnaires. We also have two staff-student committees, in which student concerns about modules and other issues are quickly addressed. Student representatives for these committees are elected at the start of each academic year.

The University of Leicester's Economics Society

This is an active student-run society, which organises a lively and varied programme of events throughout the academic year. These can include invited lectures by economists working in government and industry, social events such as pub debates and quiz evenings. More energetic students are also encouraged to join the economics sports teams that play in the University's leagues.

All students have the opportunity to join and to become elected members of its committee. The society has close links with the academic staff in the department and plays a key role in maintaining good relations between staff and students.

For further information regarding the Economics Society please visit www.ules.co.uk

The University of Leicester's Finance Society

This vibrant student-run society commenced in November 2007. Its aim is to provide professional and educational development to undergraduate and postgraduate students who are interested in Finance or Corporate Law. Activities recently organised have included: a trip to the Bank of England Museum, a seminar at the London Stock Exchange, basic stock trading training session, résumé and interview workshops, exclusive networking opportunities and company presentations. Major global institutions such as: Deloitte, Accenture, KPMG, Matioli Woods, Eversheds, Charles Stanley and many more, support the Finance Society. For further information, please **email su-finance@le.ac.uk**.



“The friendly nature of fellow students and the overall atmosphere makes the University of Leicester a place to progress not only academically but socially as well.”

Krishna Patel
BA Economics Graduate

Careers

We have a high success rate in the graduate employment market, with students going on to senior positions in industry, accountancy, finance, education, research, marketing, government service and the local and national media.

Our final year programme, which offers a broad range of options in applied economics, business and finance, helps to give our graduates this competitive edge. The chart below shows a typical range of graduate career destinations.

Exemptions from Professional Examinations

Modules passed as part of your Economics degree may entitle you to exemption from some professional examinations, for example in accounting or law. We co-operate with various professional bodies to ensure that our relevant modules conform to their exemption requirements.

“The BSc Economics course prepares you for the future whether its in further study or employment.”

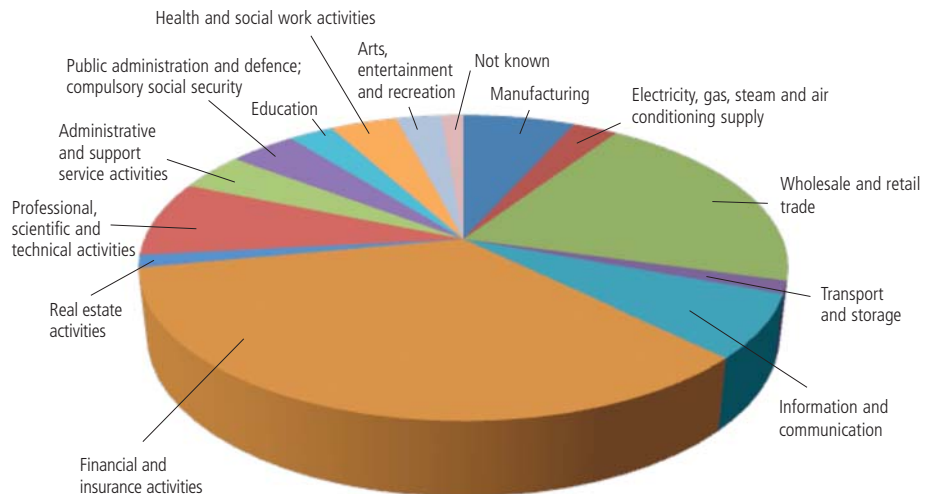
Kishan P Bhogaita
1st class BSc Honours Graduate in
Economics

The Department offers an expanding Graduate Programme which includes:

Pre-Masters Diploma in Economics, MSc Economics, MSc Financial Economics, MSc Banking and Finance, MSc Money and Banking, MSc Business Analysis and Finance, and PhD Research degrees. These degrees offer an opportunity for graduates to perseue further and more specialist studies before embarking on a career.



Career Destinations of a Sample Group of Economics Graduates'



Data source 2009/10 destination of leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey

About the University of Leicester

Some universities consider their primary purpose to be high quality research, others concentrate on excellent teaching. Here at Leicester we think that the two are not only complementary, they're inseparable. We believe that teaching is more inspirational when delivered by passionate scholars engaged in world-changing research – and that research is stronger when delivered in an academic community that includes students.

We think that a university should be about empowering people to explore what they don't know. We achieve this through passionate, dedicated research and teaching.

When we were named University of the Year for 2008-9 by the Times Higher Education, the judges applauded Leicester's very different approach, calling us "elite without being elitist." Of Britain's top 15 universities only one – Leicester – exceeds its government benchmarks for inclusivity.

Our dedication to providing an excellent student experience can be seen in our consistent performance in the National Student Survey. Since the launch of the survey in 2005, Leicester has consistently featured amongst the top-10 universities in England for student satisfaction.



With these ideas at heart, Leicester is reframing the values that govern academia and re-defining what a university needs to be in the 21st century; we are constantly finding new ways of being a leading university.

Students' Union

Leicester Students' Union is Run by students for students and here to represent you, support you and entertain you. The Students' Union is run by officers elected by students who ensure that the student voice is heard. Any student can sit on Union Council, and participate.

The iconic **Percy Gee Students' Union Building** was extended and extensively refurbished last year and now provides a warm, welcoming and friendly environment for all students with superb facilities, including the fabulous **O₂ Academy Leicester**.

There is a wide range of over 180 different societies at the University – sport, media, volunteering, charity fundraising (RAG), performing arts, music, politics plus the specialist and zany. They are a great way of getting involved in the wider University community.

To find out more go to:
www.leicesterunion.com



“Leicester has been enjoying a period of unprecedented success, after many years living in the shadow of the big city universities. Consistently in the top five in the National Student Survey (NSS) and named as the Times Higher Education University of the Year in 2008, it has shown the scale of its ambitions with a £1-billion development plan.”

The Times Good University Guide 2011

The City of Leicester

Leicester is a vibrant multicultural and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the attractions you would expect with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so students are never far from the action.

Culture and the Arts

Leicester offers a wealth of museums, including the **New Walk Museum and Art Gallery**, which holds a superb permanent exhibition of Picasso ceramics.

The city's diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences. Leicester plays host to the largest **Diwali celebrations** outside India, the largest **Caribbean carnival** outside Notting Hill, the most established **comedy festival** in England and much, much more.

Curve is a state-of-the-art theatre and performing arts venue at the heart of the city's cultural quarter which puts on a wide range of shows, from stand-up comedy gigs to performances from the Royal Shakespeare Company. **De Montfort Hall**, right next door to the University, attracts a whole host of mainstream acts.

Film lovers are treated to the sumptuous surroundings of the **Showcase Cinema de Lux** in the city centre and independent film is catered for by **Phoenix Square** in the cultural quarter.

In August the Summer **Sundae Big Weekender** festival features three days of live music. A relaxed atmosphere and an eclectic line up are its speciality.



Shopping and entertainment

The £350 million **Highcross Centre** is 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, featuring a flagship John Lewis department store and other big-name and designer shops. For those with more independent tastes, **Leicester Lanes** houses a variety of boutiques; while Europe's largest covered market has something for everyone.

A true student city, Leicester has a huge variety of bars, clubs and pubs. There are mainstream bars and pubs in the city plus hidden gems off the beaten track. Five minutes from the University campus is **Queens Road** with a selection of bars and restaurants that is very popular with students.

Leicester also has a fantastic selection of restaurants with food available from every corner of the world. From classic French bistros to Chinese buffets, Thai restaurants to Afro-Caribbean, Leicester's eateries have got it covered. The Golden Mile on **Belgrave Road** is a must for curry fans. A huge range of authentic Indian restaurants serve a mouth-watering variety of traditional Asian food. Leicester hasn't won Curry Capital of the Year for nothing!

Sport at Leicester

Leicester has a very rich sporting heritage. **Leicester Tigers** is the most successful English rugby club of the professional era, having won the Heineken Cup twice and league seven times. With a squad full of world rugby superstars an afternoon at the boisterous Welford Road stadium is not to be missed.

Leicester City Football Club has a colourful history and, under the guidance of new owners, fans are looking forward to a long awaited return to the Premier League.

Grace Road, the home of **Leicestershire County Cricket Club**, is a beautiful setting to relax and enjoy some major counties cricket.

All the clubs are in close proximity to the University and offer student discounts on tickets.

Parklife

And as Britain's first Environment City, Leicester is also rich in green spaces. One of Leicester's many parks, Victoria Park, is right next to the University campus. In summer it is packed with students relaxing, revising or celebrating the end of exams.

Entry Requirements and How to Apply



How to apply

Applications should be made through UCAS.

BA Degrees Entry Requirements

- **A/AS levels:** Three A levels/6 unit awards; AAB or equivalent. Two AS levels considered in place of one A level. GCSE Mathematics at grade B is also required.
- **European Baccalaureate:** Pass with 80% overall.
- **International Baccalaureate:** Pass Full Diploma with 34 points overall including attaining grade 5 in Standard Level Mathematics.
- **Malaysian STPM:** AAB plus an appropriate English language qualification.
- **Chinese first year degree course:** Normally Pass with an average of 80% plus an appropriate English language qualification.

Other Qualifications

Other national and international qualifications welcomed.
Mature students welcomed: alternative qualifications considered.

BSc Degree Entry Requirements

- **A/AS levels:** Three A levels/6 unit awards; AAB (including A level Mathematics) or equivalent. Two AS levels considered in place of one A level.
- **European Baccalaureate:** Pass with 80% overall, including 80% in Mathematics.
- **International Baccalaureate:** Pass Full Diploma with 34 points overall, including attaining grade 5 in Higher Level Mathematics.
- **Malaysian STPM:** AAB including Mathematics, plus an appropriate English language qualification.
- **Chinese first year degree course:** Normally Pass with an average of 80% plus Mathematics equivalent to A level grade B and an appropriate English language qualification.

Other Qualifications

Other national and international qualifications welcomed.
Mature students welcomed: alternative qualifications considered.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of programmes, we regret our undergraduate degrees are not available on a part-time basis.

“The Economics Department has been exceptional since I came. Always raising its standards. Great department, great lecturers, great students. A bright future for many.”

Michael Ng
1st class Honours Graduate in BA Economics and current
MSc Financial Economics Student

Second Year Entry

Direct entry into the second year is possible for those with advanced qualifications strictly comparable with our degree structure. Please contact us for further advice on entry.

Applicants are not normally interviewed. All those receiving an offer will be invited to visit the Department.

We are pleased to hear from students with other international qualifications.

Open Days:

The University holds Open Days in July, September and October, when anyone interested in our courses is welcome to come and look around. In addition, all applicants offered places here are invited to one of our visit days held between December and March. All Open Days and UCAS Visit Days offer an opportunity not only to see the campus, the Department and the Halls of Residence, but also to meet and talk to the Admissions Team, other academic staff and students.



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