Studying Economics at City

This Online Chat session is for anyone who is interesting in studying Economics at City. The session will be run by academic staff and currentt students giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your subject of interest and find out what life is like as a university student. There will be a presentation to start and at the end of the session you can type questions for the students to answer and there will be interactive quizzes on student life and your subject.

Welcome to this Taster session at City, University of London. Unfortunately we cannot have you on campus but hope that our online session will still give you a good idea of what it is like to study at university. To give you an idea of what to expect, our session will follow this format: 1) Our academic staff have recorded a short mock lecture to give you an idea of the topics and ideas covered at university level study. 2) We will follow this with a light subject quiz 3) A Q&A session with an academic and students from your subject 4) There will be a university life quiz and Q&A with out Student Ambassadors. We also have campus tour videos to give you an idea of what our university campus is like. We are also running sessions on personal statements, the UCAS process, researching Universities and more. [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/city-at-higher-education-exhibitions](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/city-at-higher-education-exhibitions)

**Recruitment Events 2019/20**

We regularly visit other parts of the country as part of UCAS and Higher Education fairs. Find out when we’re near you.

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There is no sound for the lecture. It is just a presentation. We have started it again for all those new to the session and will start answering your questions.

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How many years does an economics course take

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Hi, the economics course is 3 years unless you elect to do a year work placement and then it is 4.

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Hello! what is the course mainly like? is it similar to the statisticial side of a level mathematics? or is it a mixture of pure and statistics?

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Hi Statistics is a very essential part of this course, and you will take statistical modules through all the 3 years.

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I wanted to know what is the general difference between Economics and Financial Economics? I know I want to do an economics degree however I am not sure which to do, just an economics degree or something like financial economics
Dear [Name],

If you choose to do Financial Economics, then you will have less choice in year 2 and 3, as you would be required to take some finance modules, which would be only optional to Economics students. Furthermore, you must have done A-level maths to enter the Financial Economics degree.

Did you study economics at A level?

Hi, I studied Economics at A Level, but a few of my course friends have not but they are still able to study an economics degree.

Is the economics course mostly maths or English (essay writing) based?

Hi, the economics course is a mixture of both maths and essay writing - some modules more than others.

How useful is a work placement?

A work placement is useful because it allows you to gain professional and practical work experience that you can include in your CV and also helps to boost your skillset and confidence.

Do you need Economics A level to study it at Uni?

No.

City, University of London: BSc (Hons) Economics, Amit Kondola

https://youtu.be/NeTuY63o

Do you learn about the different jobs we can get with a economics degree?
Dear economists are a sought-after class of graduates by many employers. The typical employers are banking, business, finance or consulting. However, our graduates have gone on to a wide variety of jobs also including the Civil Service, charities, and teaching.

Hi, How much maths is included in economics

There is a fair amount. Economics is a quantitative subject and this is an important aspect that employers look for when hiring.

Are there any joint honors courses available with economics?

Yes – we have Economics with Accounting on offer also

Hello, what will look for your university very good in personal statement, what you would like to see?) Thank you
A Guide to Writing a Personal Statement

__Why do I have to write a Personal Statement?__ The primary purpose of a personal statement is for university admissions staff to find out information about you outside of the rest of your UCAS application. Remember, you are writing the personal statement for the university not yourself, so focus on your studies and preparation rather than your life story. Essentially, you need to answer this question: "Why do you want to study this subject, and what makes you the right person for the course?" The priorities are to show:

- Genuine interest and enthusiasm in the course
- How you enjoy the subject beyond the sixth form syllabus
- Skills developed through sixth form, work experience and extra-curricular activities that relate to your chosen course or university life
- How these skills will be useful on your chosen course.

__But remember__, you write one personal statement for all five of your choices and you only get 4000 characters including spaces.

__How do I write a Personal Statement?__

The personal statement is usually made up of these paragraphs:

- **Introduction**: Love of subject evidence
- **Your studies**: Work experience
- **Extra activities**: Conclusion

Let’s start with the easy parts:

- **Introduction**: a few short sentences that tell us what subject you’re interested in, why you’re interested in it, where your interest has come from, and how you have developed this over the years.
- **Conclusion**: a few concluding sentences that either summarise your statement, let us know your future career plans, or let us know what you’re most looking forward to at university.

However, the order of the middle paragraphs is more flexible but the general rule is that your best content should go after your introduction. This is typically ‘love of subject evidence’ or your work experience (if you’re applying for a practical course like Nursing, Midwifery, Teaching etc).

__Love of subject evidence__: this is where you let us know what you have done outside of the sixth form.

**10 Top Tips For Writing Your Personal Statement**

If you read our [Guide to Writing a Personal Statement](https://api.unibuddy.co.uk/city-university-of-london/blogs/5e81fe36bdbe4a401e658c288) you would know that the personal statement breaks down into roughly 6 sections: **Introduction**, Love of subject evidence; **Your studies**, Work experience; **Extra activities**; Conclusion To make writing your personal statement even easier we have listing below some great tips for writing each of the sections. Not only that, we’ve also included some general tips along way to make sure you are ready and prepped to get writing.

__Tip 1___ **GENERAL TIP**: If you’re applying for courses with different titles, talk about the subject area and don’t use a course title – so it that works for all of your choices.

However, if it’s **too** different, you need to really consider if you need to narrow down your choices any further.

__Tip 2___ **GENERAL TIP**: Write it in Word or Google Drive etc and not straight into UCAS – so you can save it and amend it as much as you need to, as UCAS has a 35 minute time limit and if you forget to save, you’ll lose your work.

__Tip 3___ **INTRODUCTION TIP**: Don’t use phrases like ‘from a young age’, ‘from an early age’ or ‘I have always wanted to do …’ - you haven’t, and that’s fine! If you have only discovered a love for a subject since starting sixth form that’s fine. The most important thing is that you’re letting us know why you love this subject.

__Tip 4___ **INTRODUCTION TIP**: We recommend avoiding using quotes anywhere in your personal statement, but especially in the introduction. We would always rather hear your words than someone else’s.

__Tip 5___ **LOVE OF SUBJECT EVIDENCE TIP**: Do not just list what you did, **REFLECT** on it and let us know how it has been useful in helping to prepare you for the course you are applying for.

__Tip 6___ **YOUR STUDIES TIP**: Let us know about any presentations, group work or anything extra you have done as part of your course, and what you gained from these experiences.

__Tip 7___ **WORK EXPERIE...**

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**hello, what is the difference between industrial economics and straight economics?**
Straight economics generally is broader and includes more maths compared to industrial econ

Hi everyone does the university offer joint degree options?

We have economics with accounting.

What extra curricular activities do you suggest for improving our application for economics?

Just anything that demonstrates your soft skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication etc and any further reading or engagement that shows your passion to study economics and maths at a higher level

What is the general difference between BA Econ and BSc Econ? Why might one choose BSc over the BA

BA includes much less maths compared to BSc - you may take the BSc as you will become much more proficient with your quantitative skills and it’s deemed as more attractive by employers (generally).

City, University of London: Scott Doughty, BSc (Hons) Economics

https://youtu.be/frbt60ahyKA

is there an opportunity to do a placement year?
yes, you can find out more about placement year on the course page, if you scroll down to the placement section: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/economics-bsc

**BSc Economics - Undergraduate Course**

An undergraduate Economics degree from City will give you the skills and experience you need for the graduate job market or further study. Learn more here.

What are the common careers you can go into with an Econ degree?

Dear, economists are a sought-after class of graduates by many employers. The typical employers are banking, business, finance or consulting. However, our graduates have gone on to a wide variety of jobs also including the Civil Service, charities, and teaching.

hi, will I struggle if I haven't studied an essay subject at A level?

Not necessarily. As long as you have a good English language mark, you can learn to write essays at City. We offer writing help.

I will now play the presentation again for those who missed it. Just a heads up there is no sound.

Hi, do you think it's better to do an Economics degree rather than a Finance one if we are unsure of what specifically to pursue in the future?

Yes, the economics degree is broader. It allows you to select electives that you like.

What have you enjoyed most so far about the Economics course at City?

I really enjoy the community and social aspect about my course - a lot of my peers and friends are all in it together and even though at times it is really challenging we all help each other out and bring out the best in each other :)

How many hours of economics do we do in one week?

Generally there are 4 lectures and 4 seminars per week - lectures are 2 hours long and seminars are 1 hour long.
what shall we apply for if you’re thinking of doing investment banking

You can either do BSc economics or Financial economics, if you have A level maths.

How many contact hours do we get in a week?

There are four modules in each term. Each module is offered in class for 3 hours per week, 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial or lab.

do most students find it’s enjoyable to study at university

Most students really enjoy their time at university but it is all about embracing it. If you throw yourself into it you will get a lot out.

How is the Accounting module?

Accounting modules are taught separate from City as they are taught by the leading Cass Business School - I have thoroughly enjoyed all my accounting modules due to the high quality engagement and teaching!

If I am more interested in behavioural economics what post grad options would there be for me?

We offer an MSc in Behavioural economics.

Do you get more lectures or seminars?

Both!

Does any of the economics course include political aspects

Dear — one could argue that all of Economics includes a political aspect. You can choose a module course from the International Politics department in your third year, but it has a cap on the number of students, so we cannot guarantee it.

how different is A level economics to studying it at university
At university, you will see larger class sizes, and will be taught by experts who are doing research in the subject.

Also, what has the male to female ratio been approximately in recent years?

It is a fairly even split.

What were the biggest challenges you faced with the economics course?

Learning difficult statistics and econometrics.

Will virtual work placements be valued in the same stead as traditional ones?

I am sure yes - as students do not really have an alternative option.

Do we have to complete a dissertation at the end of the three years?

This is an option for you if you do BSc economics or financial economics, but not if you do Economics with accounting.

Hi, did you enjoy studying Economics? And, what parts?

Thoroughly enjoyed in particular studying a behavioural economics module in my final year.

How many lecture hours in a week for economics?

8 hours a week.

What can you expect an average day on the course to be like?
A week in the life of a 2nd year Economics student

_BSc Economics: an insight to my week_ Niamh king, BSc Economics with industrial placement, class of 2021. My 2 year journey with City University so far has been exceptional and an unforgettable experience. The support, challenges and opportunities provided by the department of economics are endless, and provide an invaluable foundation to develop the very best of the economist inside you. The lecturers have provided an exciting course, teaching the fundamentals of economic theory, alongside application such as econometrics. While not every week is the same, here is an outline of what myself and other 2nd year economics students typically encounter each week: _Mondays: _Typically, Mondays are a day off of lecturers. However, we are provided with surgery sessions for different modules each week, while these are optional, they provide an in-depth opportunity to go over any questions or complicated aspects of the module. Within these sessions we typically have a worksheet, which covers the most recent material, allowing us to develop our skills further in a smaller environment, making sure we’re confident in the module. These sessions are usually taught by PhD students within the field of economics, therefore providing teaching from some of the best and upcoming economists. There are 2 times in which these are offered on a Monday, and if you don’t fancy either of those, we tend to have one on a Tuesday also. In the evening I tend to go to a local pub quiz, with 2 offered within a 5 minute walk of university, while this isn’t for everyone, it is a good way to learn, have fun, meet new people whilst taking a break! _Tuesdays: _On Tuesday afternoons, we have an intermediate macroeconomics lecture and tutorial. This module is comprehensive but engaging, for instance learning about different growth models, monetary economics and ways in which micro and macro can intertwine. We’re provided with formulas and theories in which to understand the way in which consumers beha...

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**Econ presentation**

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Data Analysis 1 & 2
- Pure A-Level Maths
- Topics in Applied Microeconomics
- Topics in Applied Macroeconomics
- Core OECD Maths

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**Year 1**

**Economics**

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Data Analysis 1 & 2
- Pure A-Level Maths
- Topics in Applied Microeconomics
- Topics in Applied Macroeconomics
- Core OECD Maths

**Financial Economics**

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Data Analysis 1 & 2
- Pure A-Level Maths
- Topics in Applied Microeconomics
- Topics in Applied Macroeconomics
- Core OECD Maths

**Economics with Accounting**

- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- Data Analysis 1 & 2
- Pure A-Level Maths
- Topics in Applied Microeconomics
- Topics in Applied Macroeconomics
- Core OECD Maths

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**Is coding useful for studying economics?**

not necessarily for the degree - but very useful for career prospects upon graduation

**Is there an online alternative for lectures (like if you can't make it one day)?**

There is some lecture capture but not for all courses.
Do you have any wider reading recommendations for economics?

Dear Mti; some candidates: Freakonomics, Thinking slow and fast, The Second Machine Age

Which one is more respected by employers BA or BSc?

Hi [Name], a BA shows your interest in social sciences/humanities. A BSc shows that your interest in STEM subjects. Neither one is better than the other, they just have different focuses.

Is Economics at City mainly Maths based? E.g. Statistical

a mixture of maths and essay depending on module choice

What is the examination for economics and accounting

standard exams as with any other course - a mixture of coursework and final term exams

What are the skills that would be most useful when studying Economics and/or going into an investment banking or finance career?

Ability to rationally problem solve and have strong quantitative skills

How often are you assessed/tested?

generally twice a term for each module - a coursework and final exam component

What is the employability percentage after finishing an economics degree at City

78.7% of graduates in employment or further study six months after completing the course

What's the social life like at city?
Hi, here is the open secret to university life: all is there for you to be taken, you just have to go out and take it. This applies to social life as well. We try to facilitate students getting to know each other (though this year that might prove tricky...), but if you choose to sit quietly in a corner during lectures and leave immediately after, then no one will hold your hand to change this. You need to be active in that respect: join student groups, come to social events, approach your classmates, etc.

If you have any further questions about studying Economics at City, we are running another chat with our Economics student ambassadors on Tuesday 12th May at 16:00. To register click: https://meetandengage.com/ak9nxuoop

**City's Online Events for Undergraduate Students**

Welcome to City, University of London’s online events page; where you can chat live to our teams to find out more about undergraduate study with us. Our commitment to academic excellence, focus on business and the professions, and central London location, are just some of the reasons for studying at City.

**What's the best way to gain economics work experience?**