

## MSc Economics CityChat session

**This is an opportunity for you to speak to a number of our students studying on our MSc Economics programmes. With a variety of different areas of Economics represented, you can ask about studying Economics itself or more broadly about PG life here at City, University of London in general.**



Thank you for joining us this evening for the MSc Economics CityChat session. We have a student with us this evening and he will be able to take your questions on what it's like to study the course here at City, as well as what life as a PG student here at the University is like.



Hello ! I am from Egypt... I am a full time student doing MSc Economic evaluation in Health care. Looking forward to answering your questions 😊 🟡



Hi! I'm from the Philippines, about to take up MSc Economics. First thing, when should we start applying for accomodations?



do you mean university dorms? applications are open now if you want to start applying



I'd like to ask what it is like to study at City University and what type of opportunities that are available after studying an economics msc course at City University?



studying at city has been a really interesting experience... professors are quite helpful and easily approachable if you need any help. Many of our classes run as a group discussion sessions so you even get to learn from your class mates and learn to look at things from different perspectives.  
One thing I really like about City is that in most courses they invite professionals from different industries and try to link you with them for summer placements which definitely increases your chances of getting a full time job after you graduate



Oh, will note that. Thanks. On the courses, will there be a syllabus or reading list available? When will we get to know the professors for each course? Thanks.



at the beginning of every class the professors give you a list of extra readings to do. you have full access to all text books and articles on the library and even electronic versions online. Also they share their lecture slides online on moodle so you will have access to them week by week



during the induction week you will be formally introduced to all your professors



I forgot to mention that I am from Greece. In the offer mail, the course officer informed me that the offer is for the Literature Survey Route and additionally recommended me as a potential student for MSc Economic Evaluation in Healthcare. Could you please tell me which are the main differences between these two programmes?



Hi - it would be best to talk to the course officer directly about this for lots of detail. However, here is a brief overview of the two different pathways  
Dissertation path: you take two additional core modules (ECM302 Microeconomic Theory and ECM308 Econometrics) and one elective module alongside the Dissertation (Economics Research Project ECM306 60 credits). Literature survey path: you take two additional core modules (ECM301 Microeconomic Analysis and ECM304 Quantitative Methods (Health)) and three elective modules alongside the Economics Literature Survey (ECM307 30 credits)



Thank you, If I may ask, which among the core subjects is the most challenging? And what advice can you give in order to succeed in the program. Thanks.



well I would say it depends on your education background. Our course has students from diverse backgrounds , some did finance, others did medicine or pharmacy , some from pure economics backgrounds so everyone of us had his challenges depending on what he studies before 😊



Is there a fixed track, an order on which core subjects to take first? Thanks.



Are you doing the Msc Economic evaluation in healthcare?



for the core courses yes they are already specified and its mentioned on the website which modules you do in the first semester and which ones you do in the second semester. If you will have an option of elective modules then thats up to you and the course availability.



Thank you! From your experience, when in September are the preessional courses going to start? And how many days before the lessons it is good for a student to come to London in order to adapt ?



well dates are usually mentioned on the website but it differs from year to year but for my year we used to have two days a week for the last three weeks of september



I would say once the pre-sessions start that should be a good time to move to london. It will give you enough time to look for accommodation and take care of all the paper work you have to do.



generally the students center at city are very helpful and they will make sure you adapt pretty easily and fast. they will give you clear instructions step by step and will assist you with anything you need to settle in as fast and smooth as possible



As I have noticed, Health Economics and Economic evaluation in health care share many courses and are very relative. In your year how many students joined in each programme?



MSc economic evaluation we were around 30 full/part time students ...for health economics there were around 6 students



most of those who are doing health economics had an economics background before cuz its usually more technical when it gets to microeconomics and econometrics



What should we prepare for as we start the msc economics? Is there any material that you would recommended we look at before the course starts?



not really ... the pre-sessions will equip you to have an easy on-boarding and then they will give you any pre-reading materials that might help before your course start



And as far as the lectures are concerned, did they take place with only these 6 students or with the students of msc Economic evaluation too?



for the core courses we all did them together in one class.... the Msc Health economics had a couple of extra courses that they either did them separately or with other students from other Msc programs who got those modules in common



Why is it that as an MD, I was not given an offer into MSc in health economics but rather, was proposed MSc in economic evaluation in healthcare?



I did pharmacy for my bachelors and I think Msc in economic evaluation in healthcare suited me better. Msc in health economics usually requires more technical economics background although I know a couple of MD this year who are doing Msc in Health economics. Its still doable but you will need to work a bit harder in a couple of modules.



Any special offers available for foreign students?



what exactly do u mean by special offers?



Like scholarships, discounts etc



Hi, best place to go for scholarship information is the scholarship page below, as they vary based on everyone's individual circumstances <https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries>



generally as a student in london you get students discounts in so many shops , restaurants , public transport , theaters , etc ... for scholarships then follow the link Andy just sent 😊



Hi I'm from Ghana. Got accepted to read International Business Economics. Do you have any information relating to that? How better is this over the Business Economics course



Hi, thanks for your question. Here is a link to the Programme Specification for the International Business Economics course with all the information about what it entails [https://www.city.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0013/324220/PSIBEC-MSc-International-Business-Economics.pdf](https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/324220/PSIBEC-MSc-International-Business-Economics.pdf)



Sorry for joining super late. I am also starting the course Economic Evaluation in Healthcare in September. I come from a clinical background with zero economics experience/education. Coming from a pharmacy background, how are you finding the economic aspect of the course.



its very interesting ... professors usually take into consideration that many students dont have any business or economics backgrounds so they walk you through it step by step. I had to do some extra readings ofcourse but it wasnt that challenging. it was all common sense to be honest. On the other hand those with medical backgrounds found a course like Epidemiology quite easy .



Is there a place near the university where we can get food at normal or cheap prices?



yes of course there are several restaurants inside and outside the campus ranging from 5 pounds a meal upto 10-12 pounds depending on what you fancy