PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Economics is an extremely popular field of study and covers the broad areas of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. In our degree course the subject is further broken down into specific economic concepts and theories and provides you with an opportunity to study more specialised subject areas as you advance into your final year. Whilst studying this course you will develop a wide range of skills and knowledge within the realms of economics and be taught by experts in the field.

From our suite of economics courses, this degree will provide the greatest flexibility in terms of future choices regarding career and postgraduate study. The Economics pathway places a greater emphasis on verbal reasoning and the history of Economics, compared to its sister pathway Economics and Econometrics. Its structure and content have been thoroughly redesigned and updated to strengthen your understanding of key concepts and tools and to highlight the practical link between theory and real-world applications. Like our other degrees, it provides you with opportunities to broaden your horizons by taking advantage of our European exchange and placement year schemes and through participation in the activities of our student-led Economics Society.

Study is undertaken at three parts corresponding to the three years of the full-time degree programme. Each part consists of study units or modules to a credit value of 120 credits. Each module has a credit value of 15 or 30 credit points. Each credit point represents approximately 10 hours of student learning and assessment. A 15 credit module would typically consist of 2 weekly lectures and one weekly class for ten weeks, giving a total of 30 taught hours, plus 120 hours of independent study, giving a total learning time of 150 hours.

The programme is studied over three years full-time, but may be taken over four years in the case of a sandwich degree. Where a year’s placement is included the title of the degree is BSc in Economics with Integrated Professional Training.

Aims

- To provide training in the principles of economics and their application appropriate to a single honours degree.
- To stimulate you intellectually through the study of economics and to lead you to appreciate its application to a range of problems and its relevance in a variety of
contexts.

- To provide you with a firm foundation of knowledge about the workings of the economy and to develop the relevant skills for the constructive use of that knowledge in a range of settings.
- To develop your ability to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired to the solution of theoretical and applied problems in economics.
- To equip you with knowledge of economic history and the ability to put social problems into their historical and economic context.
- To equip you with appropriate tools of analysis to tackle issues and problems of economic policy.
- To develop, through the study of economics, your range of transferable skills that will be of value in employment and self-employment
- To provide you with analytical skills and an ability to develop simplifying frameworks for studying the real world.
- To provide you with the knowledge and skill base, from which you can proceed to further studies in Economics, related areas or in multi-disciplinary areas that involve Economics.
- To generate in you an appreciation of the economic dimension of wider social and political issues.

Certificate/Part One

Following successful completion of part one of the degree in Economics, you will have a basic grounding in theory, and mathematical, statistical and data analytical skills.

Diploma/Part Two

When you have successfully completed part two of the degree, you will have built on your previous knowledge and experience in the core economic theory modules. Technical skills are likewise developed in the Introductory Econometrics. You will also become familiar with alternative approaches to Economics and how the discipline has evolved over time.

Degree/Part Three

Following successful completion of your degree in Economics, you will have a coherent, systematic, and detailed knowledge of your discipline. The core theoretical elements and technical skills acquired in Part 1 and 2 are applied to specific topics in a number of core and optional modules in Part 3. You may also choose to develop your research skills by means of a final year research project.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- You will learn about the core economic principles and analyse microeconomic issues of decision and choice, the production and exchange of goods, the interdependency of markets, and economic welfare, and macroeconomic issues, such as employment, national income, the balance of payments, distribution of income, and inflation. You will
compare economic policies at both the microeconomic and macroeconomic levels, with implications for financial markets at both levels. (4.1.i).

- You will apply analytical methods to these topics and develop and defend model-based arguments. You will learn about and compare between different methodological approaches. You will learn about the history and development of economic ideas and the differing methods of analysis that have been and are used by economists in the wider economic context as well as in the narrower financial context. (4.1.ii).
- You will apply relevant quantitative methods and computing techniques, including mathematical and statistical methods, and econometrics. You will use these techniques to analyse economic and financial data. (4.1.iii).
- You will learn about economic and financial data, both quantitative and qualitative, and evaluate the appropriate methods that an economist might use to structure and analyse such data. (4.1.iv).
- You will apply core economic principles and reasoning to a variety of applied topics. Based on these economic principles, you will appraise and critically assess commercial, economic and social policy. You will be able to discuss and analyse government policy and to assess the performance of the UK and other economies. (4.1.v).

Skills

- You will relate differences in policy recommendations to differences in the theoretical and empirical features of the theoretical analysis which underlie such recommendations. (5.2).
- You will perform relevant mathematical, statistical, and ICT-based techniques. (5.6).
- You will communicate findings and results from your own research in form of written reports and oral presentations (5.1).
- You will use analytical methods, both theory- and model-based. (5.5).
- You will discuss and analyse government policy and assess the performance of the UK and other economies. (5.2).
- You will analyse and present economic ideas verbally, graphically, mathematically and by way of econometric analysis. You will handle, modify, interpret relevant economic and financial data. (4.1).
- Abstraction: From the study of economic principles and models, you will abstract the essential features of complex systems and provide a useable framework for evaluation and assessment of the effects of policy or other exogenous events. You will learn how to simplify while still retaining relevance. This is an approach that you can then apply in other contexts, thereby becoming a more effective problem-solver and decision-maker. (5.4.i).
- Interpersonal skills – you will work in teams and prepare and perform presentations. (5.1).
- Analysis, deduction and induction: You will apply both deductive and inductive economic reasoning, and logically analyse assumption-based models. By using these reasoning skills, you will also develop your problem-solving and decision-making ability. (B: 5.4.ii).
- Quantification and design: Data, and their effective organization, presentation and analysis, are important in Economics. You will explore the principal sources of economic information and data relevant to industry, commerce and government. You will use and handle this information and data and present your research and findings. This skill is important at all stages in the decision-making process. (5.4.iii).
• Framing: Through the study of Economics, you will learn how to decide what should be taken as given or fixed for the purposes of setting up and solving a problem, i.e. what the important ‘parameters’ are in constraining the solution to the problem. You will differentiate between the important and the secondary parameters and analyse the effects of their change. You will place the economic problem in its broader social and political context. This ‘framing’ skill is important in determining the decision-maker’s ability to implement the solutions to problems. (5.4.iv).
• You will critically evaluate arguments and assess evidence. (3.1).

Values and attitudes

You will demonstrate the following values and attitudes:

• Understand, respect and engage with those who do not share your own views and opinions
• Produce written materials that indicate in a precise and honest manner what is your own work and what is attributable to others.
• Demonstrate a habit of reflection and independent study, the capacity to identify and question your own assumptions, to work with rigour and consistency, and appreciate the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge.

This programme has been developed in accordance with the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Economics – references in brackets, such as (5.4.i), refer to the corresponding sections of the Subject Benchmark Statement for Economics.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The teaching pattern is one in which lectures are used to communicate the basic theoretical or technical points relevant to the module, and classes to enable students actively to explore and develop their understanding of these points by means of discussion, problem solving, computer exercises, and presentations.

In Part 1 we lay the basis for the rest of the degree programme by giving students the basic grounding in economic theory, and mathematical, statistical and data analytical skills. In Part 2 the core components of micro and macroeconomic theory are developed in economic theory modules, technical skills are developed in the econometrics modules, and you are given an overview of the history of economic thought and the schools of thought which have grown out of it. These core theoretical elements, and core technical skills, are applied to specific topics in a number of optional modules in Parts 2 and 3. You may also choose to develop your research skills by means of a small, final year research project.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

Assessment in most cases is by means of coursework and unseen examination. Coursework may consist of standard essays, individual and group presentations, group reports, classwork, unseen tests, and problem sets.
Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at: https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Part of your Programme in order to progress to the following Part.

For how each Part of your programme is weighted, please see ‘What Award Can I Get?’ below.

The Pass mark for each module is 40%. In most cases, there are two components of assessment for each module – the coursework task, and the final exam. These are generally weighted 30-70, though there are some exceptions.

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

1. Compensation: where you fail up to a total of 15 credits of a Part at first or resit attempt, you may be allowed compensation if:
   - Compensation is permitted for the module involved (see the module specification), and
   - It can be demonstrated that you have satisfied all the Learning Outcomes of the modules in the Part, and
   - A minimum overall mark of no more than 10 percentage points below the module pass mark has been achieved in the module to be compensated, and
   - An aggregate mark of 40% has been achieved for the Part.

If you receive a compensated pass in a module you shall be awarded the credit for that module. The original component marks shall be retained in the record of marks and the
greater of the original module mark and the minimum pass mark for the module shall be used for the purpose of calculation towards the Award.

2. Resit: you will normally be offered one resit attempt. However, if you did not participate in the first assessment and have no extenuating circumstances, you may not be offered a resit.

If you are successful in the resit, you shall be awarded the credit for that module. The mark used for the purpose of calculation towards your Award shall be calculated from the original marks for the component(s) that you passed at first attempt and the minimum pass mark for the component(s) for which you took a resit.

If you do not satisfy your resit by the date specified you will not progress to the next Part and the Assessment Board shall require that you withdraw from the Programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Part, but satisfy the requirements for the previous Part, then a lower qualification may be awarded as per the table below. If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Part and are not eligible for the award of a lower level qualification, the Assessment Board shall require that you withdraw from the Programme.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at: http://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?*

Part 1

To progress to Part 2, 120 credits must be achieved.

All of the modules in Year 1 are Core. Students take 120 credits which consists of six 15 credit core modules and two 15 credit core electives which are chosen from either option COM 2 or COM3:

COM 2: Mathematics for Economics Post-GCSE (2 x 15 credits)
COM 3: Mathematics for Economists Post-A level (2 x 15 credits)

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Part 2

To progress to Part 3, 120 credits must be achieved.

You take five Core (compulsory) modules worth 15 credits each (see table below).

Those of you who took post GCSE 1 and post GCSE 2 modules can, but don’t have to, take an elective module Mathematics for Economists Post GCSE 3. This module is core if you wish to continue on the Economics and Econometrics (rather than Economics) pathway, and
have not taken Mathematics for Economists Post A level 1 and 2.

The remaining 45 credits are taken from the list of electives in ELT1.

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†Completing the Micro-Placements module at Level 5 (PO2000) will preclude you from having the option to take the Micro-Placements module at Level 6 (PO3000).

Part 3

To obtain the award, 120 credits must be achieved in Part 3.

You must take Economics and Society (15 credits) You are then required to take a further 105 credits from a list of elective modules, one of which is an optional supervised project in economics (EC3009 worth 30 credits). You can also acquire 15 credits by successfully completing a micro-placement before the start of Part 3.

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Computational Economics EC3030 15 E Y 6
Micro-Placements PO3000 15 E Y 6
Industry Projects PO3100 15 E Y 6
Summer Internship PO3200 15 E Y 6
Integrated Professional Training PO3300 15 E Y 6

*Please note that this is an indicative list. These modules are subject to change depending on staff availability, student demand and some are offered on a biennial basis. There is no guarantee that every elective module listed above will run.*

**TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?**

Many successful graduates go on to further study at institutions including King's College London, the LSE, and SOAS. Others take up positions as trainee chartered accountants working for professional qualifications with bodies such ACCA and CIMA. Yet others have started the graduate training scheme with banks such as Santander.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates.

**WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?**

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a period of study abroad whilst completing the programme. This is possible through the SPGA Exchange Programme, a year of study at one of our European and/or international partner universities via a sandwich year, which is undertaken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Economics with Study Abroad.

Participation in the SPGA Exchange Programme is through an application process. You are encouraged to investigate the opportunities available to you within your Department in your first year at City.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SASS Exchanges Team (SPGA-SCC-outgoing@city.ac.uk).
WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a one year work placement whilst completing the programme. This is possible through joining the Integrated Professional Training Programme, which is a sandwich year that is taken between completing Programme Stage 2 and entering Programme Stage 3, extending the degree to four years.

The resulting degree title awarded would be: BSc Economics with Integrated Professional Training.

In identifying relevant placement opportunities you should consider your long-term plans for employment; whether the work placement proposed is relevant to final year modules; whether it might provide experience on which a project could be based.

Information and support for this programme is provided by the SPGA Placements Team (SPGA-Placements@city.ac.uk).

1) You should discuss your plans with the relevant Department Placement Officer at the earliest opportunity, preferably during the autumn term of their second year.

2) The work placement must extend over a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months (including holidays allowed by the employing body). The Placement should normally run between the 1st September and the 31st August in the following year.

3) The placement must be approved by City as providing suitable supervision and training.

4) Participant students are required to pay an administrative charge to cover the School’s costs associated with the work placement. This will be in the form of a reduced tuition fee for the placement year, which will cover continued enrolment with City and access to all of its facilities.

WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?

Accreditation Body:  The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Certificate Level:  The CIMA Qualification is made up of 4 levels – Certificate, Operational, Management and Strategic (see diagram below). There are 4 exams at each level. On completing the BSc (Hons) Economics students will receive 4 exemptions as per the below:

- BA1 – Fundamentals of Business Economics
- BA2 - Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- BA3 – Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BA4 - Fundamentals of Ethics Corporate Governance and Business Law

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

Tariff Points

A-Level
• **340 UCAS tariff points.** Typically gained from 'A' Level grades AAB or ABB plus one 'AS' level. Other qualification combinations achieving 340 UCAS tariff points will be considered.
  
• A-Level General Studies and A-level Critical Studies are not accepted.

**GCSE pre-requisites**

English Language and Mathematics at grade B (or equivalent)

**Access to Higher Education**

We welcome Access course applicants from ‘mature’ students. These applicants will be considered on the basis of their own merits.

A typical offer for an Access applicant would be: Pass 60 credits, 45 of which at Level 3. These Level 3 credits must include at least 27 at distinction and 18 at merit.

It is essential the Access course qualification is supplemented by at least a grade B in Mathematics and English Language at GCSE.

Please be aware that Access students are often asked for further information to supplement their application, this is normally in the form of a questionnaire.

**Other UK qualifications** accepted include:

• BTEC National Diploma (DDD required, plus B in Maths and English at GCSE)
• Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects
• Advanced Diploma (plus appropriate A-levels)
• Scottish Advanced Highers
• Welsh Diploma (plus appropriate A-levels)

**Second-year transfer applicants**

If you wish to apply for second-year entry please be aware that you must:

• have achieved grades equal to the entry requirements for first-year entry (A Levels, foundation years, access courses, etc.)
• have covered sufficiently similar content to that covered by our first-year students
• be gaining or have gained at least a 2:1 in every module in your current first year.
  
You must provide official documentation of this as evidence (e.g. university transcript).

If you feel you meet these requirements then please apply through UCAS as early as possible (transfer students normally apply when their first semester exam results are published) and we can then assess your eligibility. Please be aware you will need to select your ‘point of entry’ as year two.

Please note: For direct second-year entrants the overall degree classification will be based on the marks obtained at City University London only, with the weighting of 33/67 between the second and third year. Marks previously obtained will not be used in the degree classification.

If you choose to apply, please make sure you include the following information on your application:

• the exact name of the degree you are studying towards
• the institution at which you are studying
• the modules you have taken
• any scores you have achieved
This information will enable us to make a more informed decision as to whether the content that you have studied is to an appropriate level for level-two entry. Please be aware that you must meet all of the above requirements, otherwise your application is unlikely to be successful.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)**

34 points

**European Baccalaureate**

80%

**International Foundation Programme**

The entry requirements for applicants applying having completed such programmes varies in relation to the specific programme completed. Typically, we would ask for applicants to have achieved at least 65% in a programme verified by the university, for an applicant to be made an offer.

**International Qualifications**

The School of Social Sciences accepts students from across the globe. Qualifications from where we receive most of our international applications are shown below. If your qualifications are not listed here, we may still accept you, so please feel free to contact our [UG admissions team](#) for advice.

Please be aware you can apply for a course here before you sit your school leaving qualifications. Any offer we decide to make you will be conditional on you achieving the appropriate score in your school leaving qualifications, in conjunction with your English language qualification. This can be done from September the year before the programme to which you are applying.

Accepted qualifications include:

- Australian school leaving certificates. (Offer typically made on the basis of a score of 90%)
- Bulgarian Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Offer typically made on the basis of a score of at least 5.8)
- Canadian school leaving certificates. (Offer typically made on the basis of a score between 80-90%)
- China (School leaving qualifications are not accepted. Applicants would need to complete a satisfactory International Foundation Programme to be accepted. See below for details)
- Cypriot Apolytirion (Require a score of at least 19. Combined with two relevant A-levels)
- Czech Matura (Offer typicall made on the basis of 1.0 overall, including 1.0 in Maths)
- French Baccalauréat (Offer typically around 14.5/20)
- German Abitur (Offer typically around 1.8)
- Greek Apolytirion (Require a score of at least 19. Combined with two relevant A-levels)
- Hong Kong Advanced Level (AAB)
- Indian HSC/ISC/SSC grade XII (Offer typically made on the basis of 90% average, including 90% in mathematics)
• Italian Esame di Stato (Offer typically made on the basis of a score of 90% with a grade of 8/10 in mathematics)
• Israeli Bagrut (Offer typically made on the basis of a score between 85-90%)
• Lithuanian Brandos Atestatas (Offer typically made on the basis of an average score of 9/10 from all A and B subjects)
• Malaysian Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan (STPM AAA)
• Norwegian Vitnemål (Offer typically made on the basis of a score of at least 5.0)
• Pakistani A-levels (offer in line with UK A-levels. Typical offer AAA)
• Polish Matura (Offer typically made on the basis of an applicant achieving at least 85% across three extended level subjects)
• Russian (The Atestat is not sufficient for direct entry on to our undergraduate degree. Applicants would have to complete a satisfactory International Foundation Programme, please see below for details)
• Singapore/Cambridge GCE Advanced Level (AAA at Higher 2)
• Spanish Titulo de Bachillerato (Offer typically made on the basis of the applicant achieving between 8-9/10)
• Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) - Any offer typically made on the basis of AAA.
• Turkish Lise Bitirme Diplomasi (Most students from Turkey will be required to take an International Foundation Programme, but students from selected schools may be able to apply for direct entry to an undergraduate degree. To enquire about your eligibility, please use the link provided below)

USA Advanced Placement and SAT:
1. 3 x AP with 5,5,4 from group A subjects. If not taking Calculus AB must also have SAT Maths 600, plus SAT Critical Reading and Writing both at 550 or above;
2. 3 x SAT subject tests with 650 minimum in any two and 600 in the third. If not taking Maths level 1 must also have SAT Maths 600, plus SAT Critical Reading and Writing both at 550 or above;
3. 2 x SAT subject tests with 650 minimum in each plus 2 x AP group A subjects with 5.4. If not taking AP Calculus AB or SAT Maths level 1 must also have SAT Maths 600, plus SAT Critical Reading and Writing both at 550 or above;
4. Applicants with a combination of AP group A and B subjects to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact the department for further guidance, if required.

Other Suitable Qualifications

INTO Foundation Programmes
If you do not qualify for direct entry, INTO City University London offers academic preparation programmes which focus on the skills you need. Successful completion to the required standard of the International Foundation in Business, Humanities and Social Science at INTO City University London means guaranteed progression to this degree.

Kaplan International College (KIC) London
Additionally, the University works in partnership with KIC London to provide preparatory courses for international students. Foundation and Pre Masters courses at KIC London offer comprehensive support to students including regular one-to-one tuition. Progression to the University is guaranteed if you complete the KIC London course at the required level.
**APL/AP(E)L Requirements**

AP(E)L: Students may apply for AP(E)L for a minimum of one module and a maximum of 120 credits (direct entry to Year 2). Students who wish to gain direct entry onto Year 2 of the degree must be able to demonstrate that they have passed Year 1 of an equivalent programme at another institution. For such students the weighting of the degree classification will be 1:2 for Parts 2 and 3.

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