Studying BSc Economics courses at City

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in studying our BSc Economics, BSc Economics with Accounting and BSc Financial Economics courses. The session will be run by current students, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Thank you for joining us for today's CityChat sessions. This session is for applicants to our BSc Economics, BSc Economics with Accounting and BSc Financial Economics courses. This session runs from 14:00 - 15:00 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating to you course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with you question.

I have interest to study economics in the future

do you have any questions in regard to the course?

Can you introduce me to what the course will be starting with?

do you mean modules?

I would like to know the level of difficulty of math in Bsc. Economics course

Hi, personally I wouldn't say that maths is that difficult. At City there is two different routes, one for post A-level and one for post-GCSE, therefore you would be put in the right module depending on the level of maths you have. Generally, they explain things from a basic level.

What are the career prospects of economics

Hi, studying Economics leaves you open to a huge variety of careers at a graduate level. I've found that it equips you with good maths, statistics and analytical skills which allow you to take on careers in pretty much any area you're interested in whether it's banking, business, finance or consulting, you can apply the skills to any career path.

Thank you for the reply. Does the university have specific grade requirement in math in particular?

No, as long as you have the general requirement grades you should be fine.
What is the biggest difference to prepare for compared to A-level economics?

mainly the different way of teaching, the degree mainly builds on the alevel knowledge in 2nd year, however also prepares those who do not have an Alevel in economics in first year

Can you introduce me to what the course will be starting with?

Your first year studying Economics introduces you to macro and microeconomics at an introductory level along with Data Analysis and maths building on your knowledge from GCSEs

Okay and does city record all lectures?

It depends on the room and lecturer, so far most of mine have been recorded.

Yes. Do you have any idea how many foreign students are studying economics at bcc level (especially Indian since I am from India)

Theres a lot of international students on the economics course and studying at City I general ;)

What about the accommodation for first year students?

There are a few accommodation options at the University, if you go to the city website there is information regarding this with pictures and video tours around some of the accommodations. I stayed at Liberty Hall in my first year!

I’m not studying gcse as I’m in malaysia, after I’ve completed my certification of education in Malaysia, I’ll be studying pre-un for A level in Malaysia and considering studying in the city after all of that’s done

If you’ve studied A level Maths, you’ll be able to take a maths module building on knowledge from that level, however if you’ve not done A level Maths you’ll be taking a maths module which will catch you up with all the maths required in Economics

Are projects in economics hard?

It will depend from project to project, but you will not be tested on something that you definitely can’t do. You are always able to email or meet your lecturer for support.

Also can you stay in accommodation for 3 years?
yes you can, the first year you have guaranteed accommodation, and then the next few years you can stay at the same accommodation, if you’re in accommodation in first year, you have more of an advantage to stay there in the following years

Would you say there are more girls or boys studying this course?

Hi, at City there are quite an equal number of boys and girls on the Economics course

Regarding the accommodation, will we be able to choose our own roommates and roughly how many students per room?

accommodation options vary, you can have an ensuite, or shared bathroom. There are also options for studios and shared apartments. The majority mean no room-mates, however a shared apartment you’d have one. The number of students you share a kitchen with also varies depending on accommodation. more information can be found on the city accommodation website.

Also, would you say doing Further Maths for A-level is a significant advantage to doing Economics at Uni?

Further maths is not required to study Economics at City but may definitely help you grasp numerical concepts better which may help you take more maths modules in later years

How many courses does a semester have?

Per term there is 4 modules, with two terms a year. So overall you would do 8 modules a year.

Do you have different teachers over the years, or would you stay with the same ones?

Each module would have a different lecturer.

is there any kind of financial aid available for international students?
Hi Sriya, You can find out about the financial aid we have on offer for international students here -
https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries?fee-status=%22row%22&hardship=yes

Scholarships and bursaries
Funding support available for students studying at City, University of London.

Thank you. Can you talk about career prospects? Are you at much of a disadvantage perhaps compared to LSE?

The career prospects are endless, it helps with careers in data analysis and statistics, mathematics. Also can lead you into careers in banking, business, finance and consultancy. You can apply the skills you learn on this degree to many different paths. In regard to LSE, every university is different but I definitely wouldn’t say you were at a disadvantage,

When would you chose what modules you would want to do; and are they specific to a certain career prospect? Like a module which relates to e.g. Investment

For pure Economics you would have two electives in the second year, and six in the third year. For the electives you would have a wide range of choices, especially during your third year. There is a few modules that can relate to investment.

I would also like to know what happens if someone doesn’t pass a course?

At City most modules will allow students to retake exams, tests and coursework during the summer, however marks are capped

I would like to know more about on campus jobs. Are they available at all times or are they hard to find?

We have many opportunities for work on campus through the university. We have student ambassador roles within the marketing department and widening participation, city buddies, student union and few more. On campus we have a unitemps office where you can find on campus work

That’s great, thanks. I have my offer now and will likely put City as my firm. What are the next steps and how does City support with them?
Great to hear you're excited about coming to us. You do not have to do anything other than put City as your firm or insurance choice on UCAS before the start of May. We send you email updates over this time and invite you an applicant day. These are great, especially if you haven’t been to an Open Day and want to know more about City. Even if you have been to an Open Day, the applicant days include a taster session of the course so can offer you more insight of studying at City.

We also run online chats like this one if you do have any questions before accepting the offer. If you don’t need anymore information and are confident with your choices then you can sit back, relax and focus on your studies.

What is the main difference between BSc Economics and BSc Financial Economics?

Financial Economics students have more compulsory modules in banking and finance so that they can specialise in the financial side of the course, whereas pure Economics students will have less finance modules and more electives.

Are there a lot of extra curricular activities at CITY, which could both relate to the course and to other events?

City has a large amount of sports teams and societies. We also have city sport close to university which offers a gym and sports space. In the beginning of each year we have a freshers fair, this is where the majority of our sports teams and societies will attend in order to give you more information in regard to what they offer! At City we have an Economics society which you can join, they have many events such as external speakers and an end of exams party sometimes.

Speaking of grades, did all of you meet your offers?

There might be some wiggle room if you don’t meet the offer exactly, as well as an option to come in through clearings. However, it highly depends on the applicants during that year.

I would also like to know which universities do City students study later on for post graduation?

Lots of students carry on studying post graduate courses at City University, you can also apply to any other post graduate courses at other schools.

I would like to continue my studies in UK. How much do you think the BSc course at City will help me?

It all depends on what you want to do career wise. A BSc would give you a wider range of career options in comparison with a BA as it includes data analysis modules.

Is there any way to visit CITY with a tour, outside of open days?
Yeah! We offer campus tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays which give you an opportunity to get to see the university and some of the facilities that we offer. You can also view accommodations however these need to be arranged directly with the accommodation.

How difficult is it for someone who doesn’t take IB lessons to study this lesson?

People come to the economics degree from a variety of different further education levels, such as alevels, IB, extended diploma etc.

Are there a good range of extra curricular?

Yes, there are many different societies that you can join, you can also join many sport clubs or City gym which has many facilities. You can also become a student ambassador, which will allow you to do part time flexible paid work in and out of campus. There is always events around campus that you can take part in such as charity week, or other fun activities.

And what support is there getting onto summer internships/years in industry?

The careers service at City provide lots of different kinds of support to help you gain work experience and complete applications for internships and placements in industry. For example, there are careers fairs for different sectors, CV/cover letter checks and practice interview sessions.

I would not be able to apply till mid Dec or so. Would it impact my chances of getting an offer?

Is IELTS mandatory for all international students? Are there any exceptions, say students from India who have had medium of instruction as English?

Yes if you don’t obtain an English GCSE or relevant qualification.

Is there a limit on intake on # of students?

It is different every year, and depends on standards.
How’s freshers at City?!

Freshers is exciting and busy! There are many options from daytime events such as the sports in the square and nighttime events such as the City boat ball. There's something for everyone!

Do you need the IELTS test if you have done English GCSE and are doing English Literature A-level?

The English test is just for students whose first language isn't English.

Yes, I haven't got a UK passport.

No, if you're studying in the UK or doing an English qualification, have one you'll be fine!

If you would like to chat with any of our student ambassadors, you can do so via our new peer-to-peer platform! Please visit [www.city.ac.uk/ask-a-student](http://www.city.ac.uk/ask-a-student) to start chatting to our students now.

**Ask a student**

Speak with one of our current students and find out more about what it is like to study at City.
BSc (Hons) graduate Amit shares why he chose City and what he most enjoyed about the course.

https://youtu.be/NJeU10Y63o

This session has now ended. Thank you so much for joining us today. If you have any further questions, please email onlineevents@city.ac.uk.