

MRes/PhD Economics

Year 1 Induction

18th September 2023 / S2.79

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- **Head of Department:** Professor Ben Lockwood, B.Lockwood@warwick.ac.uk
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 - [Pastoral Care and Welfare](#)
 - [Wellbeing Drop-in sessions](#)
 - [University Support for students](#)
- **Other faculty members:** <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/staff/>

Postgraduate Office Team

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 - Send us an email
 - Visit the PG Office in room S1.132 during office hours

Important information to check out...

- [Current student web page](#)

- Induction Timetable
- MRes/PhD Handbook
- Teaching Timetable
- Modules
- Assessment deadlines/Exam dates
- Exam Resources
- Academic Integrity
- Pastoral Support and Wellbeing
- Careers and Skills
- MRes Dissertation

- [MyWarwick](#)

- Email
- Library
- IT Services
- Moodle
- My files
- Student Records Online
- Tabula



The MRes/PhD handbook

- Spend some time reading the handbook:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/mres/handbook/>
- Contains all the information you need on:
 - The MRes courses
 - Assessment and examination
 - Monitoring points
 - PhD research
 - The job market
 - University policies
 - Plus lots more

Welcome Week

- Welcome week runs by Central University team from 25 September - 1 October and is a programme of events and activities to help settle in and adapt to life at Warwick.
- Although the week is primarily aimed at students not taking a pre-session course, you are very welcome to sign up for events during the weekends and in your free time next week.
- Further details are given at:

[Welcome Week | University of Warwick](#)

Community

- Every individual in our community should be treated with dignity and respect and be part of a working and learning environment that is free from barriers.
- We value our diverse and international community
- We uphold the importance not only of freedom of thought and expression, but also the significance of academic and personal integrity, equality and diversity, and mutual respect and consideration for the rights, safety and dignity of all.
- We place great importance on the responsible behaviour of both our students and staff at Warwick.
- Our values: [Our Values at the University of Warwick](#)

Facilities

- MRes Study Area: Room S0.56 and S0.58
- MRes Common Room: S2.127 and S2.132
- Printing is available in S2.130 and S0.72 ((use by swiping your student card).
- Kitchen: any kitchen on ground, 1st and 2nd floor.
- University PG Hub: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/library/pghub>
- Library: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/library/>

Systems

- **Tabula**

- Submit coursework
- View attendance records
- View feedback and marks
- Request deadline extensions
- Mitigating Circumstances
- Personalised Timetable

- **Outlook**

- Warwick email system

- **Microsoft Teams**

- Online Meetings, Online teaching platform

- Read IT Guides for using Academic Technology: [Guides for Students using Academic Technology](#)

- **Moodle**

- Course materials, lecture captures
- Exams and class tests

- **eVision**

- Student Record System
- Update personal information
- Module registration
- Request change of study location, TWD, PWD...



MRes/PhD Economics

- 2 + 4 (2 years MRes + 4 years PhD)
- Progression criteria:
 - First to Second Year: pass all 3 core modules
 - Second Year to Dissertation: pass the Summer Project and all option modules
 - MRes to PhD:
 - Achieve an average of 65% (over all taught modules in year 1 and 2);
 - Demonstrate strong performance in the core modules (i.e. an average of not less than 60% across EC9A1, EC9A2 and EC9A3); and
 - Achieve a mark of at least 65% in the dissertation.

MRes Year 1

Term 1 & 2:

- EC9A1 Advanced Microeconomic Theory (35CATs)
 - 2 class tests - 20% each in December & March + 1 exam - 60% in May
- EC9A2 Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (35CATs)
 - 2 class tests - 50% each in December & April
- EC9A3 Advanced Econometric Theory (35CATs)
 - 1 Project – 10% in November + 3 class tests in December 40%, February 12% & May 38%

Term 3:

- EC9AA The Practice of Economics Research (15CATs)
 - Taught in term 3, submission by October 2024
 - Faculty projects will be available in the Summer term, external projects are permitted
 - Must have a supervisor at Warwick

MRes Year 2

- 5 option modules (12 CATs each) + Dissertation (60 CATs)
 - Topics in Advanced Economic Theory I
 - Topics in Advanced Economic Theory II
 - Topics in Development Economics
 - Topics in Economic History
 - Topics in Political Economic Theory
 - Topics in Advanced Econometrics
 - Topics in Empirical Political Economy
 - Topics in Industrial Organisation and Data Science
 - Topics in International Economics
 - Topics in Labour Economics
 - Topics in Macroeconomics
- Students can take up to 2 external modules (12 or 15 CATs each)

Dissertation

- Progression to dissertation is not automatic
- Supervisor(s) and topic by April 2025
- Proposal presentation in June 2025
- Dissertation submission and presentation in September 2025
- Dissertation Guidance available on [current student page](#)
- Researcher Development <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/pgr>

Exams and assessments

You are assessed throughout the year

- Combination of class tests, exams and written assessments
- Verbal assessments and presentations (year two modules)
- Submission dates are set and published at start of term
- Marks and feedback are usually returned within 20 working days, with the exception of the exam or final class tests whose marks are returned after the June exam board.
- All year 1 class tests and exams are in-person.

Exams and assessments

- Degree classification based on weighted award average.
 - $\geq 70.0\%$ Distinction
 - 60.0-69.9% Merit
 - 50.0-59.9% Pass
 - ≤ 49.9 Fail
- The module pass mark is 50%
- Student will only be offered a re-sit if any overall module mark is $< 50\%$.

Exams and assessments

Reasonable Adjustments on disability grounds

- <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/disability>
- If you have a disability, contact Disability team for an official diagnosis letter before any special exam/test arrangements can take place.

Extension policy:

- Extension requests on Tabula/Coursework

Mitigating Circumstances

- Significant personal difficulties that impact on their ability to study or complete assessments/exams
- Who to talk to: Person tutor/senior tutor
- All information, evidence are treated in a confidential manner
- Submit via Tabula/Personal circumstances with supported evidence

Academic Integrity

- Assignments and dissertations will be checked through Turnitin plagiarism software.
- Examples of misconduct include plagiarism, collusion and contract-cheating.
- Penalties are severe for misconduct and could result in a 100% deduction in mark for the assessment.
- Avoiding Plagiarism online tutorial:
<https://moodle.warwick.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=58895>
- Introduction to Referencing:
<https://moodle.warwick.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=58904>
- Further information can be found in the [handbook](#), on our [Academic Integrity page](#) and in [Regulation 11](#)

Exam Boards Dates

All marks are provisional until approved by exam board

- MRes year 1 exam board, June 2024 (progress to year 2)
- MRes year 1 re-sit exam board, September 2024
- MRes year 2, exam board, June 2025 (progress to dissertation)
- MRes final exam board, September 2025.
- Progression to PhD October 2025.

Attendance / Monitoring Points

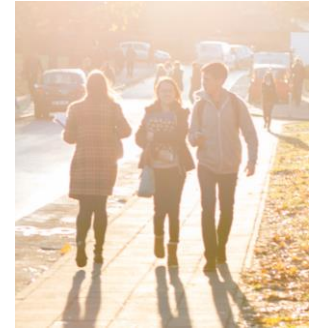
- Your Monitoring Scheme can be found in [Tabula/My Monitoring Point](#)
- Your Personal Tutor week is week 1 term 1 and week 4 term 2, all meetings are in person.
- You are expected to be here during term-time
- Attend all your lectures and classes
- Student visa holders (max 20 hours paid work per week) until the course end date - this limit also applies to vacations and unpaid work
<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/tier4/working/>
- If you are planning to be away from campus for more than 3 months you must tell us ([Change of study location \(warwick.ac.uk\)](#))
- Students should plan to be here in person in September at end of second year for presentations and visa application process.

Departmental Seminar Series

- **Research Field Seminars**
 - External (usually international) speakers
 - Mondays through Wednesdays 16.00-17.30;
 - Thursdays 14.00-15.30
- **Field days:**
 - Mondays (Political Economy)
 - Tuesdays (CAGE/Empirical)
 - Wednesdays (CRETA/Theoretical)
 - Thursdays (Macro/International)

Student Engagement

- Advice and feedback hours
- Student Staff Liaison Committee
 - Representatives from 1st and 2nd year MRes and PhD
 - Two new reps required
 - Nominations and elections (if necessary) early in term 1.
 - See [GSSLC web page](#) for further details
- Module evaluation
- Student focus groups and socials
- Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)
- Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES)



IT Services

- Department IT Services:
 - Report any IT issues economics.it@warwick.ac.uk
 - IT issues can also be brought to our attention through GSSLC
- University IT Services:
 - See what IT Services offers: [IT Services - University of Warwick](#)
 - Contact IT Services Help Desk:
 - Telephone: 02476573737
 - Email: helpdesk@warwick.ac.uk

Institutional Support

- The University [Health Centre](#)
 - Register with a GP before you get sick
 - NHS 111 service: dial 111 for non-emergency fast help
- Students' Union: <https://www.warwicksu.com/>
- Wellbeing Support Services: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss>
- Student Immigration and Compliance:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/>