

Final Countdown

Briefing for Final Year Economists

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Topics for today's briefing

The topics covered in today's lecture will be:

- Research in Applied Economics
- NSS
- SSLC
- Exams and Degree Classification
- Q&A

EC331 Research in Applied Economics

- EC331 Moodle page has details on submission of Final Project:
<https://moodle.warwick.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=1955416>
- Support available – **until the end of term 2**
 - RAE Tutor
 - Module leaders
 - Other members of academic staff (use their A&F Hours)
 - RAE Helpdesk
 - Helpdesk Forum
 - Module Moodle page including discussion forum

EC331 Research in Applied Economics

- Submission Deadline: 2pm on Thursday 27 April 2023
 - Submit on Tabula under 'EC331 Research in Applied Economics - Project' (you need to upload two documents):
 - ✓ pdf file with project then click to 'add' your data (see below).
 - ✓ a zipped (compressed) file with your final data set and your 'log' or 'do' file.
- Plagiarising has serious consequences – see UG Handbook
 - Make sure you reference within your project correctly
 - You must include a bibliography
- The final project will be marked on the 20-point scale
 - Each tutor marks their tutees' projects;
 - Each project is read by a second marker;
 - The module leaders then act as final moderators.
 - A sample is also sent to an external examiner.

EC331 Research in Applied Economics

- Mark and feedback will be available after the exam results/degree classifications are released
- RAE handbook: *“no changes to topic are permitted after week 3 of Term 2 without explicit discussion with the relevant tutor and the module leaders.”*
Now at end of week 6 requests for a change of topic will not be permitted.
- In last 2 year we have conducted oral (viva) exams with students due to academic integrity concerns

National Student Survey (NSS) 2023

- Regarded nationally as the primary measure of finalist student satisfaction in England and Wales
- Open between Monday 6 Feb - Sunday 30 April 2023
- Used in <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/> for each university degree course, e.g. to assist prospective students making sensible choices
- Warwick takes NSS results seriously as a way of considering how to improve teaching and learning at Warwick
- Benchmarking against other universities so we can understand our results relative to Economics courses elsewhere
- Ipsos-MORI will contact non-responders

Structure of the NSS (1)

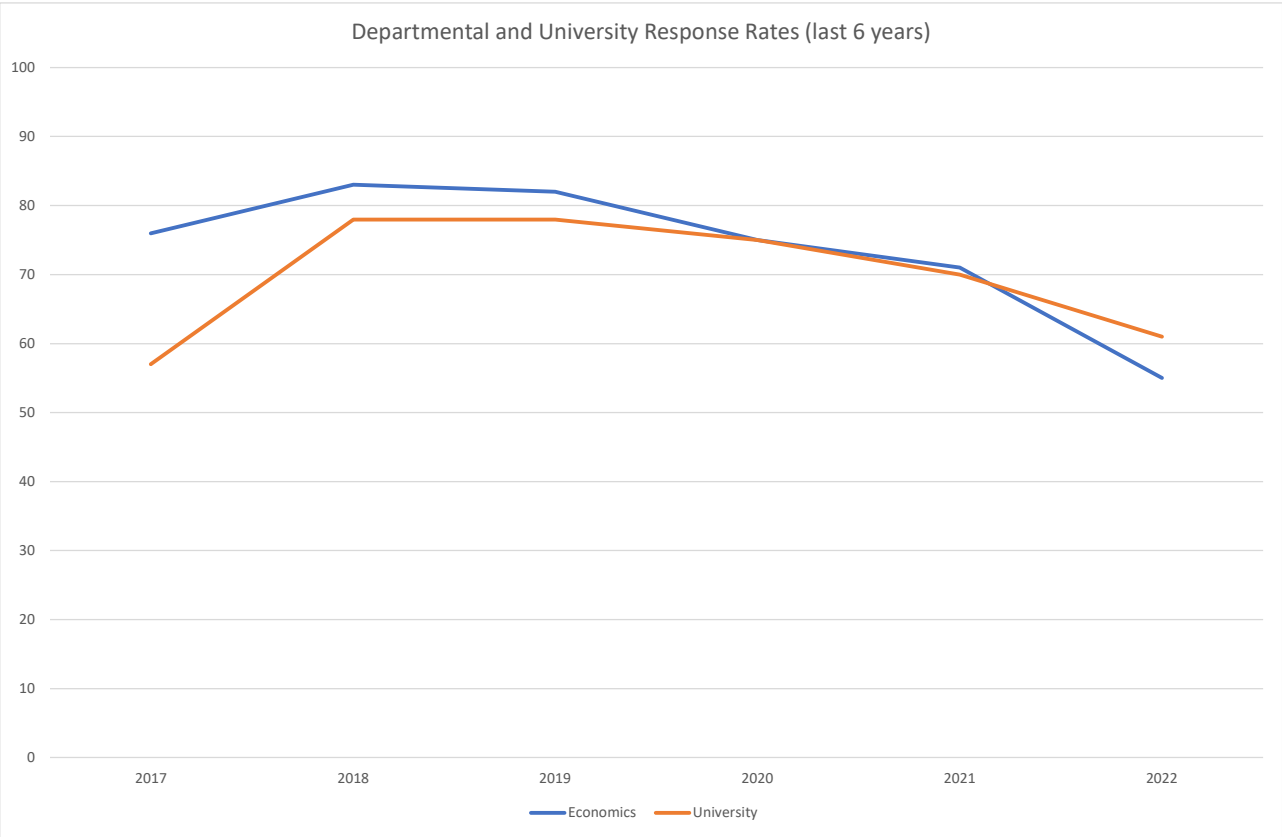
- A short survey – should take about 10-15 minutes
- Questions are in the following areas:
 - Teaching on the course (4 questions)
 - Learning opportunities (5 questions)
 - Marking and Assessment (5 questions)
 - Academic support (2 questions)
 - Organisation and management (2 questions)
 - Learning Resources (3 questions)
 - Student Voice (4 questions)
 - Mental Wellbeing Services (1 question)
 - Freedom of expression (1 question)
 - Open ended question: Looking back on the experience, are there any particularly positive or negative aspects you would like to highlight?
 - Two bespoke Warwick questions

Structure of the NSS (2)

- You will be asked to provide a response to a series of statements using a 4 point (Likert) scale. The responses vary by question, for example, for “Teaching on the course” the 4 questions are:
 - How good are teaching staff at explaining things? (Very good; Good; Not very good; Not at all good; This does not apply to me)
 - How often do teaching staff make the subject engaging? (Very often; Fairly often; Not very often; Rarely; This does not apply to me)
 - How often is the course intellectually stimulating? (Very often; Fairly often; Not very often; Rarely; This does not apply to me)
 - How often does your course challenge you to achieve your best work? (Very often; Fairly often; Not very often; Rarely; This does not apply to me)

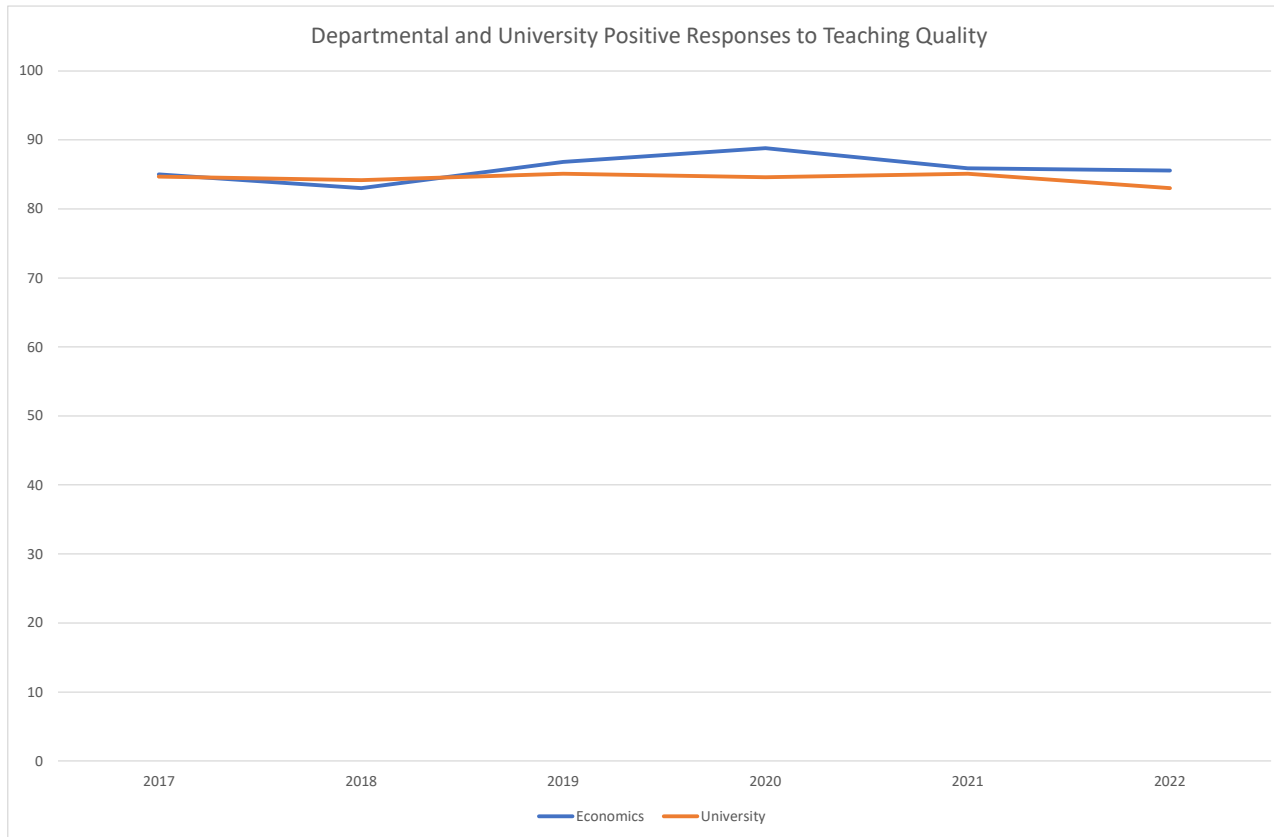
NSS Responses(1)

Engagement with NSS is critical (but response rate has fallen in last 4 years and a lot last year)



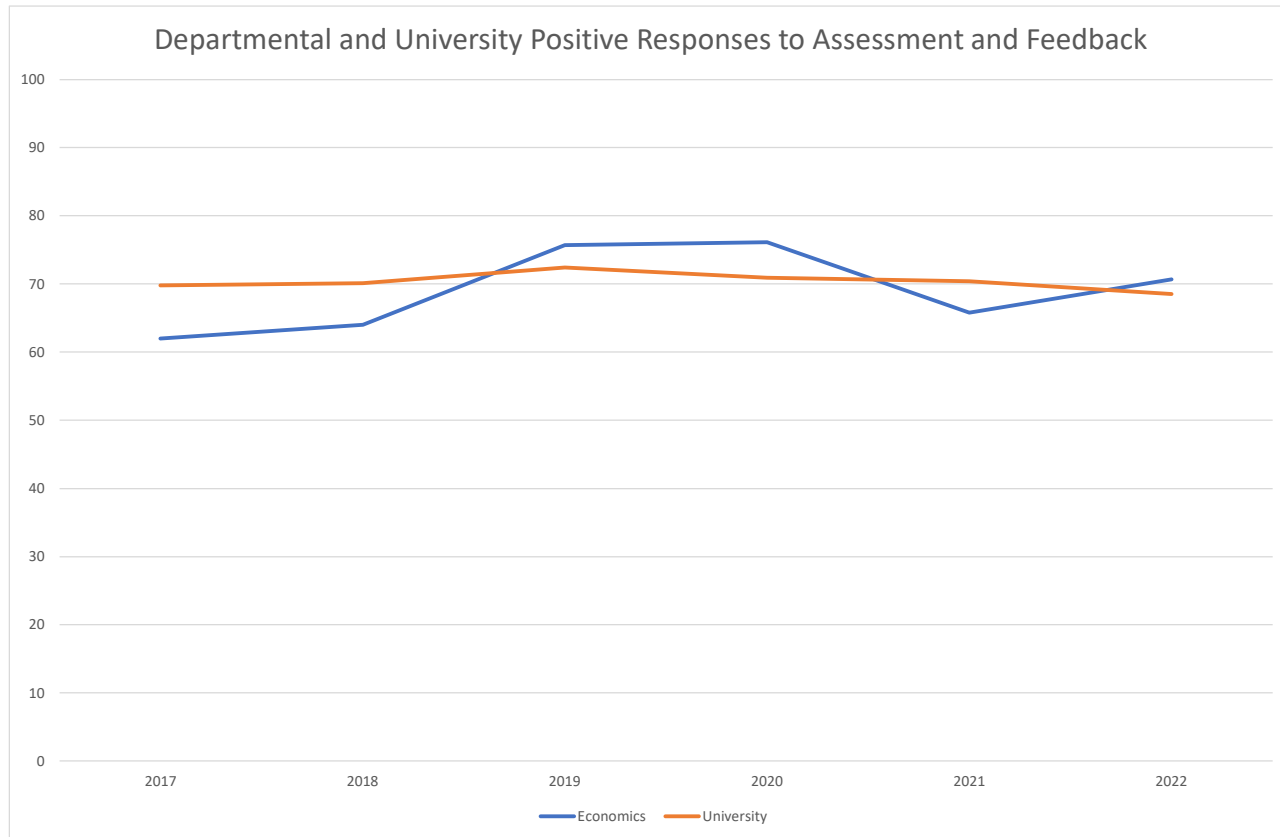
NSS Responses(2)

Teaching Quality has remained roughly constant over the period since 2017



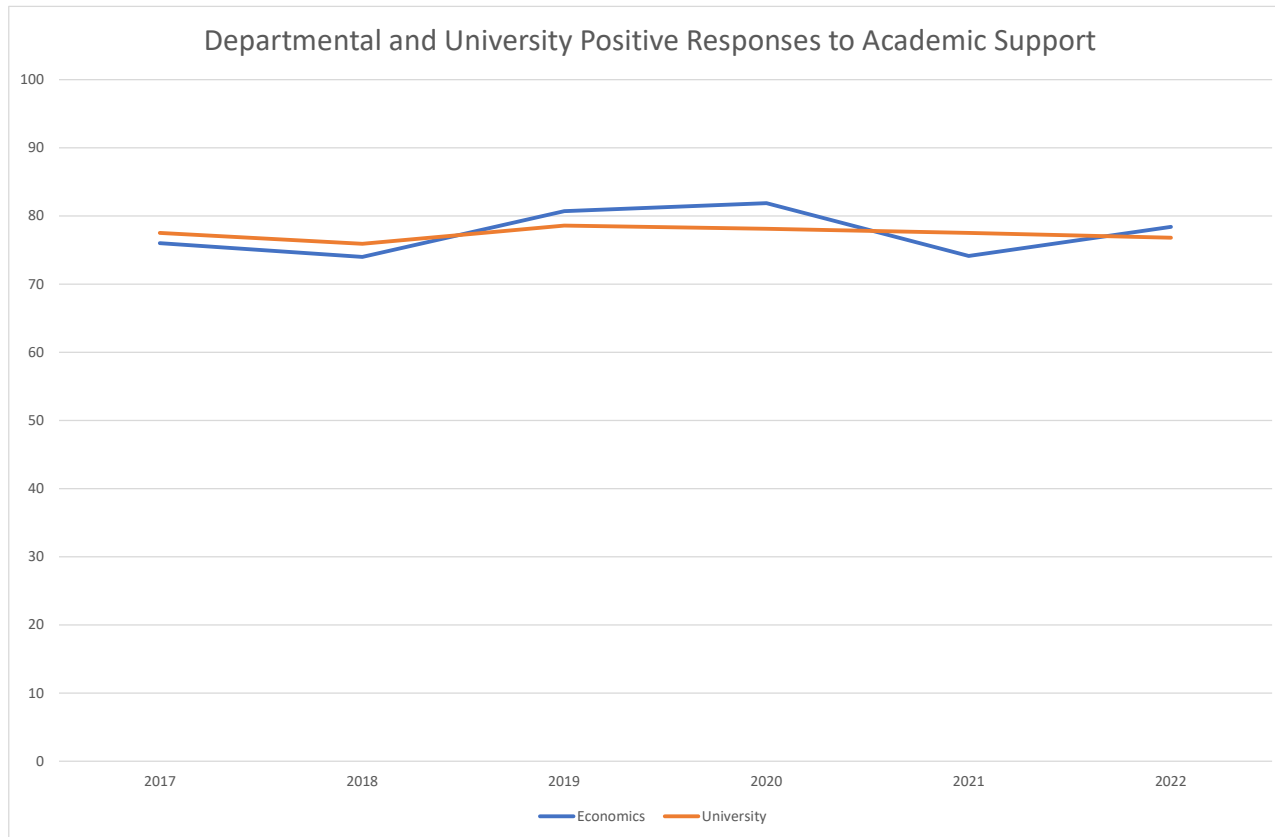
NSS Responses(3)

Assessment & Feedback is area where students are least satisfied and an area we continue to work hard to improve



NSS Responses(4)

Academic Support has again remained roughly constant over time



Incentives and prizes

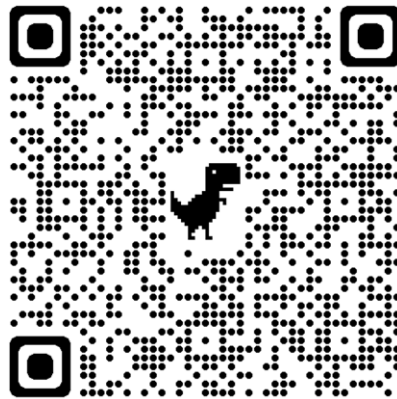
We really value your participation in the NSS. The University and Department are offering you some incentives:

- University incentives: 2 x £100 cash, 4 x £50 Love2Shop vouchers, 35 x £20 Love2Shop vouchers, 4 x £50 Amazon vouchers, 40 x £20 Amazon vouchers.
- For every NSS response from Economics students, £5 goes to chosen charity if 60% response rate (**at present 22.91% after 2 weeks**). The £5 will be split (as decided by your vote) between:
 - Student Support:** providing scholarships to talented students from low-income backgrounds, provide school-aged children in Coventry the opportunity to discover routes into higher/further education and create volunteering and work experience opportunities for current students
 - IntoUniversity:** funding an education outreach centre in the heart of Coventry where young people are inspired to achieve.

Department Incentive Scheme NSS Charity Vote 2023

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Actions in Response to Feedback

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- Improved common room facilities
- Student subscriptions to the Financial Times
- Continually pushing for quality virtual teaching delivery in modules where initial teething problems arose
- Widened representation of cohort – female and international students' representatives on the SSLC
- Triggered review of assessment timing and methods to avoid bunching
- & much more

The NSS is now open

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<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/ug/resources/get-involved/sslc>

The Warwick University logo, featuring a stylized 'W' shape above the word 'WARWICK' in a blue, sans-serif font.

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Exams Timetable and timings

- Exam timetable released in last week Easter vacation
- Exam period: Term 3 weeks 4 - 9 (15th May – 22nd June)
- Fixed start times for exams, 9.30am and 14.00pm
- Upload time now **25 minutes** after the official exam period has finished AEP will close after that.
- **Maximum** 15 minutes after AEP closes to submit full exam on Tabula along with mitigation
- Outside this window only Further First Attempts (with mitigation) or capped Resits (without mitigation) are all that is available for a failed exam

Exams Revision

- Make a revision plan for your study as early as possible
- Plan your revision for a tight exam timetable and then adapt your plans when the timetable is released
 - Make sure you have access to the full set of module resources
 - Review and understand answers to all questions
 - Form study groups to review material, problem sets, tests, past exams
 - Make use of Advice and Feedback hours (lecturers + class tutors)
 - Know your rubric for each module and how marks are allocated. These are available from the [Exam Resources](#) page.
 - Term 3: Exam briefing session
 - Term 3: Module revision lectures/sessions

Exams and Mitigation

- Mitigating Circumstances
 - Submit evidence via Tabula
 - Check the evidence you have submitted
 - Pastoral support drop-in sessions daily from 12 – 1pm and 3 – 4pm (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/ug/resources/services-and-support/academic-and-pastoral-support/wellbeing>)
- Our Pastoral support team:
 - Wellbeing Officers: Tina MacSkimming
 - Senior Tutor: Amira Elasra
 - Year 3 Tutor: Cecilia Lanata-Briones
- Illness before/during exams
- Technical issues during exams

Degree classification

Your overall average is comprised of marks from your Honours years (year 2 and final year, excl. GL11)

Each year contributes 50% of the final mark

Classification	Mark Range
First	$M \geq 70.0\%$
Upper Second (2:1)	$69.9\% \geq M \geq 60.0\%$
Lower Second (2:2)	$59.9\% \geq M \geq 50.0\%$
Third	$49.9\% \geq M \geq 40.0\%$
Pass degree (not Honours)	$39.9\% \geq M \geq 35.0\%$
Fail	$34.9\% \geq M$

Borderline cases

Where a student's mean mark falls below a class boundary but is within 2.0% points of that boundary (this applied to all class boundaries except for the Pass degree boundary classification) a student can be considered for promotion to the higher class, based on:

- preponderance of module marks above the class boundary;
- performance above the class boundary in final year;
- performance above the class boundary in core modules or optional core modules (as listed in course regulations).

More information here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/examinations/conventions/ug13>

Borderline cases(2)

Example: Economics: L100

Students in borderline zones will normally be promoted to the higher class degree, subject to the University regulations, only in cases for which at least one of the following conditions applies:

- **More than** 120 module CATS of marks lie on or above the higher class boundary.
- **Exactly** 120 module CATS of marks lie on or above the higher class boundary and the average mark in the “relevant set” of modules (totalling 120 CATS) for the degree course lies on or above the higher class boundary.
- **Exactly** 120 module CATS of marks lie on or above the higher class boundary and the final-year average mark is at least 2% points above the higher class boundary.

Exam Results

- Exam results are released centrally by the University and not by the Department
- The Department will email you once we are informed that results have gone live
- The University has currently given 11 July 2023 as the day that finalist results are released (normally around 10am)
- You will be able to review your module marks, overall average and degree classification on Tabula under 'Modules'
- Any resit/sit decisions will also be listed there

What next?

- Exam briefing session at the start of term 3
 - Takes you through the AEP and reminds you about how to complete the online exams
- We will provide a mock exam paper for you to practice
- The exam resources hub is already live and will continue to be updated with useful videos, guidance, FAQs and other information

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/current/shared/exam-resources>

For any NSS enquiries, please contact:

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- There will be free pizzas in the Social Sciences foyer from 1pm today!