

Guidance for Year Two Option Module Choices 2024-2025

Introduction

Students in the second year of the MRes Economics take five option modules. A list of second year option modules that may be available in 2024-2025 are given below, although it is possible that staffing on any particular module may change in the next academic year, as members of staff take academic sabbatical or leave the Department.

		Lecturer(s) 2024-25	Credit Weight
	TERM ONE MODULES		
EC9B8	Topics in Economic Theory	R Akerlof C Cavounidis D Condorelli	12 CATS
EC9C1	Topics in Economic History	J Fenske B Gupta S Becker	12 CATS
EC9C2	Topics in Empirical and Behavioural Political Economy	H Herrera M Stalinski	12 CATS
EC9C3	Topics in Industrial Organisation and Data Science	M Draca A Wang	12 CATS
EC9C5	Topics in Labour Economics	M Bagues C Braun	12 CATS
EC9C7	Topics in Political Economy	F Squintani K Pogorelskiy	12 CATS
	TERM TWO MODULES		
EC9C0	Topics in Development Economics	S Mukand S Caria	12 CATS
EC9C4	Topics in International Economics	C Perroni M Santamaria	12 CATS
EC9C6	Topics in Macroeconomics	R Giovanni L Melosi	12 CATS
EC9C8	Topics in Advanced Econometrics	M Chen	12 CATS
	<i>Total Credit Weight of Year 2 Option Modules</i>	<i>5 x 12</i>	<i>60 CATS</i>

Economics Option Modules

Each of the above modules is worth 12 credits (or CATS) and will run for one term (30 contact hours). Students are required to complete 60 CATS¹ of taught modules in year two, and the MRes dissertation (also worth 60 CATS). Students should ensure that they register for **no more than three option modules in any one term** (this total includes any external modules you wish to take). It is a good idea to discuss your option module choices with your intended supervisor, as they can advise you (particularly where you are considering external modules).

¹ Students who opt to take one or more modules in another department will be permitted to over CAT to a limited extent (i.e. by a total of 6 CATS maximum, to give a total of 66 CATS where a student takes up to two external modules).

External Module Choices

Students can take up to two option modules from outside the Department of Economics. These modules should be at Masters or PhD level. In past years, students have taken modules from WBS, or from the Departments of Mathematics, Computer Science, Statistics and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies. The external modules you chose must have a credit weight of either 12 or 15 CATS. You will need to contact the module leader of the external module in which you are interested, to get their permission to join the module in 2024-25. You will be registering for credit (not simply auditing the module). At the same time, you should obtain the module timetable for 2024-25 to check what term the module will run. Timetables for 2024-25 will not be available until closer to Autumn Term, but a provisional timetable or that for 2023-24, can be taken as an indication. You should avoid clashes with your other chosen Economics modules, as we will be unable to change the Economics timetable to accommodate you. Once you have obtained permission from the outside department and checked for timetable clashes, please fill out the [Year Two Option Module Form](#) together with your other Economics option modules. We will then seek approval for your external choices from the Director MRes/PhD. Your choices must be related to your intended research area.

Some outside options that have been taken in the past for your reference (12 CATs or 15 CATs only)

- IB9CJ-12: Asset Pricing I
- IB9HH-15: Behavioural Research in Decision Making and Entrepreneurship
- IB9KC-15: Financial Econometrics
- IB9PK-15: Advances in Behavioural Science
- MA4F7-15 - Brownian Motion
- ST908-15: Stochastic Calculus for Finance
- CS910-15: Foundations of Data Analytics
- CS918-15: Natural Language Processing
- IM913-15: Spatial Methods and Practice in Urban Science

Indicating Your Choices

The Department will hold a module promotion event in early March 2024, where module leaders will give a short introduction of their modules and answer any questions you may have. The exact day and time will be confirmed nearer the time.

You will also receive a link to [Year Two Option Module Form](#), where we will ask you to record all your module choices. We would like you to complete the form by **12th March 2024**, at the latest. This information will then be used to create the teaching allocation model and timetable for next academic year.

Your choice at this stage is not final; however, your decision to study any modules at this stage will be used to decide which module will not be running in your 2nd year if such module doesn't have enough number of students required to run the course. Should you wish to change your choices after the above deadline to the remaining modules that will be running in your 2nd year, you will have another opportunity to do so by 6th October 2024.

Please Note

Not all of the modules you are interested in will run next year, as we will need at least three students to register on a module in order to deliver it. It is also possible that very late changes in staff, can sometimes cause a module to be withdrawn.

Key Dates

What	By When
Option Module Promotion Event	Early March 2024
Complete the online form to indicate option module choices.	12 th March 2024