Economics Undergraduate Live Chat

Chat with the Department of Economics and find out more about our undergraduate study options.

Hello! Welcome to our Undergraduate Live Chat. I'm Charlotte, Student Recruitment and Communications Officer within the Department of Economics and I am here to try to help answer any questions you may have about undergraduate study. How can I help you?

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Hi Emir, thanks for your message. Further Maths is not a required subject although it is a fine subject choices for a student considering Economics at degree level. We treat Further Maths as any other strong A level subject: it has no special status.

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All applications to our undergraduate courses should come through UCAS. We do not conduct any interviews. A successful application requires the application to be strong in ALL areas: predicted/current grades, past academic record, personal statement and academic reference. All applicants are expected to meet or exceed the predicted offer, therefore, the personal statement, past academic record and academic reference all have to be strong.

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GCSEs are very important as an objective indication of an applicant’s academic ability. Typically offer holders have a strong GCSE profile. However, there is no explicit definition of strong. We don’t look for an explicit number of A* or As, but typically, given the strength of the students applying the GCSE profile is strong.
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We don't specifically offer scholarships within the Department of Economics, however the University do have further funding opportunities. You can find out more details here: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/otherfundingopps/.

Other Funding Opportunities - Student Funding - University of Warwick

Funding available from the University of Warwick and other sources

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The most important thing is to meet our grade offer and have a strong personal statement. An EPQ wouldn't help to replace either of those and wouldn't change the level of offer we would ask for. It is fine in terms of overall profile demonstrating interest.

Thank you

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Don't forget we have our Accommodation Office chatting right now as well

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https://meetandenpage.com/d8p6g8c7t for all of your accommodation queries

University of Warwick

Welcome to the University of Warwick’s live chat page, where you can talk to us about student life at Warwick. Whether you’re a prospective student, parent or supporter, join us here for regular live chats about your subject(s) of interest, the campus experience, our local area, and what studying with us is really like. Follow @warwickuni on Twitter to get the latest dates of our chats.

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Hi Sakeena, we would recommend that you get in touch with our Student Finance team for further advice on the expected cost of living during your studies. More information can be found on their webpages: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/finance/. I hope this is of help?

Student Finance - University of Warwick
Student Finance: Pay your tuition fees, accommodation fees and other charges to the University

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If you’re an international applicant, this link may also help
https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/admissions/finance/livingcosts

Living costs
Applying to the University of Warwick funding advice for overseas students, including scholarship and living cost information

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Hi Jane, thank you for your message. Unfortunately we do not accept transfers from external Universities onto our programmes. We only accept admission via direct applications through UCAS.

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The Indian Class XII is CBSE Class XII with 88% overall from 5 subjects including 90% in Mathematics for BSc Economics and BSc Economics and Industrial Organisation and CBSE Class XII examinations with 88% overall from 5 Class XII subjects including 85% in Maths for BSc/BA Economics, Politics and International Studies.

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Hi Emir, great question! Enthusiasm for the subject, wide reading and motivation. Focus on the subject rather than extra-curricular activities, but non-academic information can be if it supports your academic achievements. They need to evidence their ability to apply academic theories / ideas to what is happening in the news, work experience, part time work, etc.

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The most important thing is to meet the offer of A*AA. If taking a 4th A Level prevents you from achieving this then we would advise you to only take 3. Of course you will need to also check the preference of any other universities you are apply to.

thank you very much for your help

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Maths is a required subject at A Level, however Further Maths is not. You are expected to achieve or exceed a grade A at Maths.

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Hi, what percentage of applicants get an offer and what percentage of total applicants actually get in. I have looked for the statistics from the website but have not been successful in finding them.

Thanks

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Yes AAA exceeds our entry requirements. However, please note due to the competitive nature of the course, you are not guaranteed an offer even if you exceed the grades. Each year applicants are turned down who are predicted (or even exceed) the offer due to the high volume of applications we receive. We suggest that applicants spend time on their personal statement. A successful application requires the application to be strong in ALL areas: predicted/current grades, past academic record, personal statement and academic reference.
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Our degree programmes consist of a number of core and optional undergraduate modules which provide you with flexibility to specialise and diversify. You can find links to all of our available modules in the Department as well as lists of approved modules outside of the Department, such as languages, psychology, philosophy, politics etc.

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/prospective/ug/modules

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Hi Lauren, thanks for joining the chat. In a week, you should expect to attend 2-3 hours worth of lectures and support and feedback classes per module you take. You also are able to attend office hours of any lectures during that week. You may have Society or student Union activities that you are involved in and extra curricular activities to attend including those organised by the Department and University. I'd recommend reading our student blogs to see what just some of our students are up to, https://our.warwick.ac.uk/.
Thank you so much!

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The most flexible degree course we offer is the BSc Economics. You have the flexibility to take up to 10 optional modules within your degree course. There are some restrictions on how many need to be Economics modules but this is outlined on our course pages. https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/prospective/ug/economics/.

**BSc Economics**

What if you could apply economic theory to the solution of today's economic problems?

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We usually encourage students to find books and topics they find interesting, as this is one way to show further engagement in a subject in your Personal Statement. To help, you may find any of the following helpful: Applicants may find the following helpful:

- The Economist magazine
- Tim Harford - The Undercover Economist
- Thomas Piketty - Capital in the Twenty-First Century
- Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner – Freakonomics
- Leonard Mlodinow - The Drunkard’s Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives
- Adam Smith - The Wealth of Nations
- Prof Avinash Dixit (Princeton University and former Warwick Economics Professor and Head of Department and Prof Barry Nailebuff (Yale) – The Art of Strategy

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What kind of work experience would an Undergraduate Economics course look for?

Hi Emir, we don’t specify a preference on this. Work experience and extra-curricular activities may be useful but only if they help to support enthusiasm for the subject or provide motivation for their studies. Rather than listing everything we suggest students demonstrate skills they have learnt, etc. and how that would benefit them at University. We are not interested in where they undertook (for example) work experience: e.g. I worked at xyz - but rather their thoughts on it and what they gained.

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Hi Sakeena,

The Department does not provide placements (job training), but we do have career services that offer wide range of services to help students find job opportunities, prepare their cover letters, right CV, prepare for interviews etc.
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Hi Sakeena, do you mean work placements? If so, we do not do this as part of the degree course however we do have a lot of careers and skills support available to you during your time here. We have more information about this available on our Student Experience webpages: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/prospective/ug/student-experience

Your Student Experience

As an economics student at Warwick, you’ll receive both an outstanding academic education from top-class teachers and researchers, and a rich and rounded experience outside the lecture hall.

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Hi Jamie, thanks for your message. Yes you are correct, applicants are encouraged to avoid combinations of subjects with significantly overlapping curricula, such as Economics and Business Studies.

Hi Jamie, do you mean you want to study business and economics together?

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Hi Jamie,

with regard to the work experience we do encourage our students to do internships and get training opportunities from the first year, we do have a lot of career services that provide services such as preparing for interview, writing supporting statements, CVs etc

Would this be an issue in the application process?

Hi Jamie, we treat economics and business as one a level so as long as you achieve A*AA this is fine.
Ok thank you, I'm only asking in consideration because I don't want to study those four A levels for you to only consider 3

I understand. No problem.

How competitive is the entry for this course?

We are a very competitive course. Each year applicants are turned down who are predicted (or even exceed) the offer due to the high volume of applications we receive. We suggest that applicants spend time on their personal statement. A successful application requires the application to be strong in ALL areas: predicted/current grades, past academic record, personal statement and academic reference. All applicants are expected to meet or exceed the predicted offer, therefore, the personal statement, past academic record and academic reference all have to be strong. The strength of the personal statement does not depend on achievement. It depends on how well you show critical engagement in economics, which can be shown in many ways.

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The personal statement and reference is just as important as the grades. As we don’t interview it is important to spend time on this too.

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This is a very competitive course so we do put a lot of importance to the personal statement that would make you stand out from other applicants. Also, the extracurricular activities that you do and how passionate you are about studying Economics.

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Hi Adam, thank you for your message. We do not ask for Economics as a subject requirement so you will not be at a disadvantage.

Would we receive conditional offers higher than our predicted grades?
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Not necessarily. To work in finance you need to have a good background in economics and finance. You will also need to have excellent math skills which math and engineering graduates mostly have. It is usually a good combination of both. Those with such degrees would need to do postgraduate courses in economics or finance to get the necessary background.

What do you look for in possible students who you offer conditionals to?

Would a first economics degree be mathematically rigorous enough though?

Yes

Thank you for all your questions today. Unfortunately, the live chat is about to end. Sincere apologies if we didn’t manage to answer your question today, however please do get in touch via email to economics.admissions@warwick.ac.uk and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you again, it was great talking to you all and best wishes for your current studies.