International Development with Economics is a broad social science subject looking at the challenges and opportunities for the development of sustainable and improved living standards for all human beings, particularly in poorer countries. It provides an opportunity to study some of the most important challenges facing the changing world – poverty, climate change, conflict – from a range of social science perspectives.

- The degree is based around four streams. Three streams focus on economic, political, and sociological dimensions; the fourth stream looks at links between these perspectives and the practicalities of working in international development.

- As you progress through the degree, you can specialise in different areas. A focus on economics is maintained throughout the degree because of its importance to international development as a field of work and because of the transferable work skills it provides.

- You will have the opportunity to study critical in-depth aspects of international development such as inequality and conflict, poverty and microfinance, and human development.

- Development studies at the University of Bath is placed within the top 50 in the world, according to the QS Top Universities global rankings.

- You will benefit from our wide range of internationally-renowned research expertise involving anthropologists, economists, geographers, political scientists and theorists, and sociologists.

- The programme offers a placement year which could be spent in a governmental or non-governmental organisation that will match your personal and academic interests.

The degree is based around four streams:

- **Economics:** This stream will provide you with a strong foundation in economic theory in general, and an in-depth understanding of development economics and finance. The ability to manipulate economic theory provides valuable skills, enabling you to solve a variety of problems.

- **Politics:** This stream focuses on the institutions and processes that shape development at a local, national, and international level. You will gain a critical understanding of the organisations and institutions that shape people’s lives in developing countries. The stream will provide you with critical skills to analyse and understand political dynamics in other contexts.
• **Sociology and Anthropology:** This stream focuses on the social dynamics of development, including gender, class, and ethnicity. It will provide you with a critical understanding of how development programmes and projects are embedded in social systems, often problematically. The stream provides further critical analytical skills applicable to a range of contexts and situations.

• **Interdisciplinary International Development – the interface stream:** This stream focuses on understanding the interaction between the different perspectives on international development and the workings of the international development industry as a field of employment.

### BSc (Hons) International Development with Economics degree programme structure

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<td>Development economics - micro; Introductory economics; The Modern world economy</td>
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### Careers

The BSc degree in International Development with Economics provides an academic foundation for a career in a range of fields such as governmental and international agencies; non-governmental organisations; development consultancy; international business, especially in emerging markets. The degree provides a solid foundation for postgraduate training for careers including journalism, teaching, and business.

The placement year offers valuable real life experience of issues that you will have been studying. A year of professional work is highly valued by employers and may give you a strong advantage in the competitive job market when you graduate.

### Contact us

For more information about this and other programmes offered by the Department of Social and Policy Sciences and by the Department of Economics, please visit our website: [www.bath.ac.uk/study](http://www.bath.ac.uk/study).

For further enquiries on entry requirements and admission to the programme, please contact: admissions@bath.ac.uk

**Typical offers**

A levels: AAB
Places available: 15 or higher

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