

Social and Policy Sciences

Undergraduate



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BSc (Hons) International Development
with Economics

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.

- 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 World University Rankings 2017.
- You will benefit from our wide range of internationally-renowned research expertise involving anthropologists, economists, geographers, political scientists and theorists, and sociologists.
- The course offers a placement year which could be spent in a governmental or non-governmental organisation matching your personal and academic interests.

BSc (Hons) International Development with Economics degree structure

	Economics	Politics	Sociology and Anthropology	Interface stream
Year 1	Introductory economics Development economics: microeconomics perspective The modern world economy	Introduction to the politics of development	Thinking and working cross-culturally: Introduction to social analysis of development	Academic and research skills I: introduction to qualitative methods Academic and research skills II: introduction to quantitative methods Introduction to international development
	Optional units: Economics, Politics, and Sociology and other areas, including Social policy, welfare and the state; Science, technology and society			
Year 2	Money and finance Development economics: macroeconomics perspective	International politics of development	Researching social change	Development policy and practice Qualitative social research methods Quantitative data analysis
	Optional units include: Understanding migrations; The social science of climate change; Civil society and NGOs in the developing world; and other options in Economics, Sociology, and Politics			
Year 3	Optional professional placement			
Final Year	Development finance	Optional units include: a fieldwork project; Institutions and ideas; Critical issues in social development; Ideas about 'terrorism'; Conflict, security and development; The developmental state		Global inequality: economic and political perspectives; International development dissertation

For the most up-to-date information and further details on the units available, please visit our website: go.bath.ac.uk/study

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.

- **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 shaping development at a local, national, and international level. You will gain a critical understanding of the organisations and institutions shaping 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.

Career opportunities

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.

Placements

The placement year offers valuable real life experience of issues 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.

You can take placements in a governmental organisation or a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to match your personal and academic interests.

Placement opportunities our students on related degrees have taken include: NGOs, political think tanks, The World Food Programme and international development consultancies.

Please note placement opportunities may not be guaranteed.



“International Development with Economics has been the perfect way for me to learn about the world we live in today, its needs and our responsibilities. The course has just the right amount of analytical depth and a host of amazing lecturers present in our department - an experience that will change your world view forever.”

Nabaa Zaynah
Student

Key Facts

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Three years 53H3

Four years with placement year L407

Assessment Methods

- Attendance
- Coursework
- Dissertation
- Essay
- Multiple choice examination
- Oral assessment
- Portfolio
- Practical work
- Seminar
- Written examination
- Other

Delivery methods

- Lectures
- Tutorials

Contact time with staff

In your first year, you should expect to spend 22% of your time in a lecture or seminar setting and 78% of the time in independent study. Your unit option choices will determine your future contact hours.

Entry requirements

Typical offer: AAB



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About Bath

Bath is a great place in which to be a student. The University occupies a purpose-built campus which is safe and friendly, with a vibrant international community, excellent student services, outstanding arts facilities and a first-class sports complex.

The campus is located about a mile from the World Heritage City of Bath - one of the most interesting, elegant and vibrant cities in the UK, home to several excellent museums and galleries, parks, numerous restaurants, cafés and pubs and a great range of shopping.

Frequent bus services link the campus, city and major student residential areas. Bath is not far from Bristol International Airport. By train, London is approximately 90 minutes and Bristol about fifteen minutes away. You are always connected to your work, your home and your social life when studying.



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