

BSc(Hons) Economics with Politics with professional placement or study abroad (UHES-AKB11)

Course and Award Details

Course title	BSc(Hons) Economics with Politics with professional placement or study abroad
Route(s)	BSc(Hons) Economics with Politics with professional placement
Awarding body	University of Bath
Award	Undergraduate Degree with Honours
Award name	Bachelor with Honours
Course mode of delivery	Thick sandwich (Full-time on campus)
Course length	4 years
Entry point	September 2024
Main location of study	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
Course-owning school/department	Economics

Course Description

Course Summary	Develop the skills and knowledge to become a thoughtful political economist. You'll explore the relationship between economics and political decision-making.
Course Description	<p>During this course, you'll learn about the connections between society, the government, and the economy. You'll examine the challenges facing individuals, countries and the international community using theories and methods from economics, complemented by key concepts from political science, like power, justice, conflict, and sovereignty.</p> <p>You'll learn to apply economic methods to policy issues while increasing your knowledge of UK and global institutions. This will help you understand how policies are formed and evaluated.</p> <p>Year 1 will focus on building your economic intuition and core skills in mathematics, statistics, data analysis, and coding. You'll also explore the exercise and evolution of power in societies and the role of politics in conflict resolution and consensus-building.</p> <p>In Year 2, you'll strengthen your command of economic theory and the econometric techniques and software tools used to estimate and forecast economic relationships. You'll deepen your understanding of political theory and issues of conflict and security.</p> <p>In your final year, you'll choose from a range of optional units. This will give you the freedom to focus on your interests and career ambitions.</p> <p>By the end of the course, you will have a deeper and more refined knowledge of the complex links between economics and political science.</p>
Contact hours	<p>Contact hours</p> <p>Timetabled contact hours, which may be made up of lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops vary throughout your course and between courses but are typically between 12 and 15 hours a week in your first year.</p>

Our teaching for this course is delivered through in-person learning on campus, supported by high quality online provision. A small proportion of these contact hours may be delivered online, with the significant majority taught on campus. This may be supplemented by additional activities such as a small number of online learning sessions (not live), skills development sessions, and personal tutorials.

The amount of timetabled sessions on campus in later years may vary based on the options you choose, with a greater emphasis on independent learning. Project and dissertation units will generally have fewer scheduled sessions to allow you time for your independent work - this may also mean the number of hours of timetabled sessions each week will vary within a year.

Independent learning

In addition to timetabled contact hours, you are expected to undertake independent learning and assessment activities. Typically, this might be around 20 to 28 hours per week in your first year, and include individual research, reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, preparing coursework assignments, presentations, or revising for exams. After your first year, the emphasis on independent learning becomes greater, for example, you may do a final year project in the final year. You'll be expected to work both on your own and as part of a group.

Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops

Assessment summary

You will be assessed in a range of methods designed to develop and test your skills and knowledge.

50% to 75% of your course will be assessed through examinations.

25% to 50% will be assessed through essays, reports, and presentations.

The balance of assessment methods may vary throughout your degree.

The final degree classification is determined by your second and final year marks and each contributes 32% and 68% respectively.

You will primarily be assessed as an individual, but may also be assessed as part of a group.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities, take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Report
- Examinations
- Presentations
- Essay

Specialist Facilities

Informed teaching to advance your learning

You'll learn from teaching staff with diverse backgrounds and expertise in different areas of economics. Their passion, knowledge and research shape their teaching with the aim of enhancing your learning experience.

Benefit from specialist resources

You'll have access to some of the latest industry-standard statistical, mathematical and econometric software. This will allow you to access up-to-the-minute data on real-world trends to enhance your learning experience.

Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

Placement/Study Year Abroad details

You can choose to do a professional placement, study at one of our overseas partner institutions, or combine the two in your third year. This is an opportunity to enhance your CV, gain new skills, and establish networks either within industry, internationally, or both.

Professional placement

Doing a professional placement in Year 3 allows you to use what you've learnt in a practical context. You'll find out about the organisation you join and how it works, while learning more about potential future careers. Our students have worked in the UK and overseas. Some have been offered graduate roles following placements.

You'll develop skills like planning, problem-solving, decision making and project management. Sometimes you can gain professional qualifications, particularly in accountancy, during placements.

Employers often value placements, so you could gain an advantage in the job market.

Previous students have done placements with organisations in the public and private sectors. These include:

- Alcentra
- Amazon
- HSBC
- JP Morgan
- PepsiCo
- Unilever
- Union Bancaire Privée (UBP)

Placement opportunities can't be guaranteed but you will receive tailored support from our dedicated placement team to help you secure a placement.

Read more about doing a professional placement([/campaigns/enhance-your-employability-with-a-humanities-and-social-sciences-placement/](#)).

Study abroad

If you decide to study abroad in your third year, you will spend time at one of our agreed partner institutions. You will study a course that complements your existing learning and experience a new culture.

The combined study abroad and placement option gives you the chance to also work in another country and add stand-out experience to your CV.

Previous students have spent their time in:

- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- South Africa
- Italy
- USA
- South Korea
- Canada

Taking part in study abroad is dependent on good academic performance in Year 1. Some funding may be available but isn't guaranteed.

For each option, you'll receive support from various university teams, as well as your

Careers and professional development

Director of Studies.

Study abroad opportunities are limited and are subject to availability at our partner institutions.

Read more about studying abroad as part of your undergraduate degree(/campaigns/studying-abroad-as-part-of-your-undergraduate-degree).

Develop your professional skills

We work to provide you with the tools and support to prepare you for employment and further study.

These include:

- critical and analytical thinking
- quantitative skills to apply to real-world economic challenges
- presentation and communication skills
- adaptability and resilience

Prepare for your future career

Many of our economics graduates have gone on to careers in both the private and public sectors, working as economists, financial or business analysts, researchers, accountants and tax professionals.

They have worked for organisations such as:

- Deloitte
- Bank of England
- HSBC
- Ministry of Justice
- PwC

Course Assessment Regulations

Applicable Assessment Regulations	Undergraduate assessment regulations - https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/undergraduate-assessment-regulations/
Exemptions from Regulations	N
Weighting of each Study Year	Stage 1: 0% Stage 2: 32% Stage 3: 0% Final Stage: 68%
Is this Course Standalone or Co-Existent?	SA

Course Structure

Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	ES00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	ES12001	Microeconomics 1	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	15	
AY	ES12002	Macroeconomics 1	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	15	
AY	PL12002	Politics: key concepts and analysis	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	15	
S1	ES12009	Mathematics for economics	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	
S1	PL12004	Essential study skills in politics	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	
S2	ES12010	Statistics for economics	Part 1 Stage 1 Compulsory	Certificate (FHEQ level 4)	5	

Year 2

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	ES22015	Introduction to econometrics	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
AY	PL22025	Thinking the world politically	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S1	ES22013	Macroeconomics 2	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	
S2	ES22014	Microeconomics 2	Part 2 Stage 2 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	10	

Title Year 2 Options

Total credits in this study yr 20

Overview of options in this study yr In Year 2 you will study 20 credits of optional units with 10 being in semester 1 and 10 in semester 2. Options cover a range of topics.

****Economics options****

Options cover topics such as:

- international economics
- financial economics and financial institutions
- economic development

****Politics options****

Options cover topics such as:

- US politics
- the politics of international law
- parliamentary studies
- gender politics

In addition to economics and politics topics there will also be a choice from outside the core teachings to give you a broader range of options to choose from. These units will allow you to learn more about topics like corporate finance or international development.

Year 3

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	ES22022	Work placement	Part 2 Stage 3 Compulsory	Intermediate (FHEQ level 5)	60	
Placements and Years Abroad - Title		Professional placement or study abroad				
Placements and Years Abroad - Total credits		60				
Placements and Years Abroad - Overview		You can choose to go on a professional placement, study at one of our overseas partner institutions, or combine the two. This is an opportunity to enhance your CV, gain valuable new skills, try out a career option, or experience life in a different cultural environment.				

Year 4

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
No data found						
Title		Final Year Options				
Total credits in this study yr		60				
Overview of options in this study yr		<p>Your final year is entirely made up of optional units, adding up to 60 credits across the year. You must choose at least 40 credits of economics options and at least 15 credits of politics options.</p> <p>At least one of your options must be a year-long 20 credit unit. You will only be able choose the year-long final year research project if you also choose a year-long 20 credit taught economics unit.</p> <p>There are a wide range of optional units available to you. This will give you the freedom to specialise your knowledge and focus on your career aspirations and interests.</p> <p>**Economics options**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - econometrics - economic history 				

- game theory
- industrial organisation

****Politics options****

Options cover topics, such as:

- modern Silk Roads
- the politics of culture and identity
- comparative elections and voting

As with Year 2, you'll also be able to choose units from outside the core areas of economics and politics to support your interests and career aspirations.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Explain core concepts within economics and political science	✓				
Apply knowledge and practical understanding to applied and policy challenges in economics and politics	✓				
Discuss and critically evaluate real-world implications of scientific research in economics and politics	✓				
Employ the concepts and principles of economics in the solution of economic problems		✓			
Develop coherent arguments and assess assumptions made in economic analysis		✓			
Work effectively both independently and as a part of a team			✓		
Communicate complex economic ideas clearly and effectively			✓		
Plan, manage and reflect on their own learning and			✓		

on their own learning and practice

Identify, assimilate and evaluate quantitative data relevant to your field of study

✓

Examine and critique different political systems; the nature and distribution of power in them; the social, economic, historical, environmental and cultural contexts within which they operate; and the origins, evolution and contemporary dynamics of the international system within which they exist

✓

Exemplify professional, ethical and respectful conduct and working practices

✓

Display a solid understanding of how the use of economic terms, analysis and applications vary across countries and regions

✓

Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards

UHES-AFB11: BSc(Hons) Economics with Politics is the designated alternative course (DAC).
Transfer to DAC possible from year 3 (placement/study year).
Exit awards:
Diploma of Higher Education
Certificate of Higher Education