

Economics BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: CCE1 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Studying economics is more relevant now than ever. Our economics degree explores major global challenges - from globalisation and trade wars to inequality, climate change, migration, and financial crises.

This economics course gives you a strong foundation in economic theory and policy, helping you analyse how national and global issues impact society. You will develop key skills in analysis, research, and quantitative methods, while learning to apply economic concepts to business and public policy decisions. The course also focuses on transferable employability skills, preparing you for a wide range of careers.

Topics covered include: Quantitative and Research Methods, Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Banking and Finance and International Economics and Finance. As well as areas such as: Environmental and Sustainable Economic Development, Labour Markets, Poverty, and Inequality and Public, Behavioral, and Experimental Economics.

Each subject offers a unique perspective on economics, equipping you to understand and respond to the complex challenges facing today's world.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are £9,790 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need around £250 to purchase key textbooks throughout your degree.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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Economics Curriculum

Year One

Introduction to Economic Analysis

Principles of Economics

This section covers Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Topics include supply and demand, market failures, and market structure. We will also discuss factor markets, income inequality, GDP measurement, unemployment, inflation, and economic growth.

Introduction to Mathematics and Statistics for Economists

Students will learn basic algebra, introductory calculus, and optimisation techniques.

Introduction to the Evolution of Economic Thought

History of Economic Thought

Students will explore how economic thought has evolved. We'll study theories from Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations to modern debates. Key topics include price and market dynamics, population growth, resource allocation, and income distribution.

Writing in University Economics

This module serves as a guide for writing in University Economics. It focuses on accessing knowledge, demonstrating command of concepts, and discussing economic ideas in published, non-technical materials.

If you study Economics as a single honors program, you will also study:

Introduction to Economic Decision-Making

Games and Decisions

Students will learn how people and organisations operate in competitive and cooperative settings.

Financial Economics

Financial Economics explores key concepts and practices in the field. This module introduces essential financial ideas and addresses corporate finance issues. Students will learn about present value, cost of capital, and techniques for valuing bonds and stocks.

Year Two

Intermediate Economic Theory

Students will learn economic theory through calculus, algebra, and graphs. The course uses real-world examples and a step-by-step approach. It shows how micro and macro theory can solve practical issues and inform policies.

Introduction to Econometrics

In this course, students will learn about econometric methods and statistical techniques. The focus is on practical econometric tools, including:

- Basic regression analysis using time series data
- Panel data models
- Model misspecification, like omitted or irrelevant variables
- Use of SPSS/STATA and other statistical packages
- Introduction to maximum likelihood estimation
- Nonlinear models

Contemporary Issues in Global Economics

Students will explore how economic theories apply to important global issues., including:

- Causes and consequences of recent financial crises
- Economic impacts of European Union integration and Brexit
- Emerging economies
- International trade, trade wars, and protectionism
- Globalisation and mass migration
- Environmental economics

If you pursue Economics as a single honors programme, you will also study:

Research Methods in Economics

This module covers the steps for conducting applied economic research. Key topics include selecting a topic, literature reviews, choosing research methods, formulating hypotheses, testing them with statistical analysis, and summarising results.

Environmental Economics and Sustainable Economic Development

This module teaches the relationship between the environment and sustainable development. Key topics include climate change, air and water pollution, and methods of environmental economics.

Economics of Labour Markets, Poverty, and Inequality

This module applies economic theory and empirical methods to labour supply and demand, human capital investment, minimum wages, union effects on wages, and labor market discrimination.

Year Three

International Economics and Finance

This course looks at international economic theory and real-world policy issues in a changing global economy.

Banking and Finance

The student will study the economic theories of banking and finance with special emphasis placed on the role of banking and the financial system in the wider economy, the microeconomic basis of financial economics and the principles of monetary policy.

If you study Economics as a single honours programme, you will also study:

Programming and computational methods for economists

This advanced module equips economics students with essential programming skills and computational techniques necessary for modern economic analysis.

Public Economics

This module intends to provide a concise and nontechnical overview of the role of government in an economy from a global perspective.

Behavioural and Experimental Economics

This module offers a thorough understanding of how behavioural, psychological and social factors affect decision-making in economics.

Research Project (or Integrated Dissertation)

During the year, students will complete a Research Project (or an Integrated Dissertation). This enables them to explore in depth a subject of their choosing related to Economics.

Liverpool Hope Business School is an accredited member of AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

COURSE STRUCTURE

For a single honours Economics degree, first-year students will have about 12 teaching hours each week. In the second and third years, this drops to about 10 hours. For a combined honours Economics degree, first-year teaching is around 6 hours weekly. It then drops to 5 hours in the later years.

In addition to teaching, you should spend 20–25 hours per week on independent study.

This includes:

- Research and reading
- Attending guest lectures and industry events
- Preparing for sessions
- Revising for exams
- Completing assessments
- Participating in group work.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Assessment includes, but is not limited to, in-class tests, written final exams, individual and group reports, class presentations, and applied essays on trade journal articles. Both verbal and written feedback is supplied.