



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

BSc (Hons)

Economics

UCAS code L100

Entry requirements

A level: AAB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

3 years

Apply by: **14 January 2026**

Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

Taught by academic staff with an abundance of professional industry experience who utilise the latest economic thinking, this programme will help you develop a high level quantitative and analytical skills in any of our three pathways: Economics, Finance or Data and Econometrics.

It is an exciting time to join us, our Economics programmes are ranked 11th from 71 providers (a rise of 7 places on last year) for Times Good University Guide 2025. We are now in the top 10 in the 2025 Guardian University Guide and we outperformed the sector benchmarks for all 7 question themes in NSS 2024.

*based on subject area.

Introduction

Studying Economics at Liverpool will enable you to build a thorough understanding of current economic and financial issues. Our programme will help you develop a high level quantitative and analytical skills in any of our pathways: Economics, Finance or Data and Econometrics.

From your first year of study you will start to build a strong foundation in economics, statistics and mathematics and upon successful completion of your final year you will have a thorough understanding of a wide range of theoretical tools used in economics and where applicable, in finance.

What you'll learn

- Develop economic thought
- Gain professional skills and employment preparation
- Understand economic and business statistics
- Mathematical economics
- Financial risk management
- Principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Financial accounting

Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School holds accreditation from [AACSB](#), [AMBA](#) and [EQUIS](#). This makes it one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard triple accreditation.

Our Economics course is accredited by the [Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales \(ICAEW\)](#), the [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants \(ACCA\)](#) and the [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants \(CIMA\)](#).

Accreditation in detail

ACCA

In aligning our Accounting and Finance programme with the [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants \(ACCA\)](#), our students are eligible for exemptions from specific ACCA exams up to the Strategic Professional Level papers. This will fast-track their journey to membership once they graduate – so they can start their careers in finance and accountancy more quickly.

CIMA

This programme is accredited by [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants \(CIMA\)](#) which will give you further skills and understanding on how businesses operate, are managed, how to create strategies and how people work together.

ICAEW

[The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales \(ICAEW\)](#) works with the University of Liverpool to grant credit for prior learning (also known as exemptions) for relevant content covered in undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

Once you have finished your degree you will only have to complete any outstanding [modules](#), the [compulsory practical work experience](#) element of the ACA and demonstrate your ethical and professional development, to qualify as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Your first year at Liverpool will give you a strong foundation in economics, statistics and mathematics, and equip you with the qualitative and quantitative techniques needed to address economic issues.

In year one, students on the Economics pathway can do either ACFI101 or ECON159 in semester one. In semester two they can do either ACFI102 or ACFI103.

Students on the Finance pathway must complete all compulsory modules listed and ACFI101 and ACFI103.

Students on the Data and Econometrics pathway must complete all compulsory modules listed and ECON159 and ACFI103.

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|--|---------|
| <u>DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT (ECON128)</u> | 15 |
| <u>MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS (ECON113)</u> | 15 |
| <u>PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (ECON123)</u> | 15 |
| <u>PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (ECON121)</u> | 15 |
| <u>PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION (ECON170)</u> | 15 |
| <u>STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS FOR ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS (ECON112)</u> | 15 |

| Optional modules | Credits |
|---|---------|
| <u>GLOBAL ECONOMIC (AND BUSINESS) ENVIRONMENT (ECON159)</u> | 15 |
| <u>INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING (ACFI101)</u> | 15 |
| <u>INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE (ACFI103)</u> | 15 |
| <u>INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING (ACFI102)</u> | 15 |

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

In your second year of study, you will build upon your first year modules in microeconomics and macroeconomics and you will be introduced to the study of econometrics, a key area for anybody working in economics or planning to study economics at postgraduate level.

In year two, students on the Economics pathway must take the compulsory modules listed. Students can take ECON217 **or** ECON215 in semester one. In semester two students can do either ECON211 **or** ECON241 **or** ECON251.

Students on the Finance pathway must take the compulsory modules listed. Students can take ECON211 **or** ECON241 **or** ECON251 in semester two. ACFI204 is a compulsory module on this pathway only.

Students on the Data and Econometrics pathway must take the compulsory modules listed **and** ECON215 in semester one.

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|---|---------|
| <u>ECONOMETRICS 1 (ECON212)</u> | 15 |
| <u>MICROECONOMICS 1 (ECON221)</u> | 15 |

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|---|---------|
| <u>MACROECONOMICS 1 (ECON223)</u> | 15 |
| <u>ECONOMETRICS 2 (ECON213)</u> | 15 |
| <u>MICROECONOMICS 2 (ECON222)</u> | 15 |
| <u>MACROECONOMICS 2 (ECON224)</u> | 15 |
| Optional modules | Credits |
| <u>ANALYSIS OF BIG DATA: PROGRAMMING, DATA MANAGEMENT & VISUALISATION (ECON215)</u> | 15 |
| <u>ECONOMICS OF DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (ECON217)</u> | 15 |
| <u>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (ACFI204)</u> | 15 |
| <u>MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS 2 (ECON211)</u> | 15 |
| <u>SECURITIES MARKETS (ECON241)</u> | 15 |
| <u>BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS (ECON251)</u> | 15 |

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Year three

In your final year you will take more advanced economics modules and have the opportunity to apply what you have studied to contemporary issues.

In year three, students on all pathways must take ECON342.

Students on the Economics pathway must take three optional modules in semester one. In semester two students must take ECON343 or ECON346 and

three optional modules. ACFI321 and ECON310 are not available on this pathway.

Students on the Finance pathway must take ECON304 and must take two optional modules in semester one. In semester two students must take ACFI342 and ECON343 or ECON346. Students must take a further two optional modules.

Students on the Data and Econometrics pathway must take ECON308, ECON312 and one optional module in semester one. In semester two students must take ECON311, ECON317 and ECON343 or ECON346. Students must also take one further, optional module.

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
|---|---------|
| <u>ADVANCED MICROECONOMICS (ECON342)</u> | 15 |
| <u>ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS (ECON343)</u> | 15 |
| <u>APPLIED INTERNATIONAL MACROECONOMICS (ECON346)</u> | 15 |
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| Optional modules | Credits |
| <u>BUSINESS FINANCE (ECON304)</u> | 15 |
| <u>QUANTITATIVE FINANCIAL ECONOMICS (ECON308)</u> | 15 |
| <u>METHODS OF ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION 2: MICROECONOMETRICS (ECON312)</u> | 15 |
| <u>GAME THEORY (ECON322)</u> | 15 |
| <u>CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ECONOMIC POLICY (ECON330)</u> | 15 |
| <u>INTERNATIONAL TRADE (ECON335)</u> | 15 |
| <u>WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY (ECON357)</u> | 15 |

| Optional modules | Credits |
|--|---------|
| <u>CREATIVE SECTOR ECONOMICS (ECON362)</u> | 15 |
| <u>DERIVATIVE SECURITIES (ECON310)</u> | 15 |
| <u>BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMIC APPLICATIONS TO FINANCE (ECON321)</u> | 15 |
| <u>THE ECONOMICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ECON306)</u> | 15 |
| <u>METHODS OF ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION 1: TIME SERIES ECONOMETRICS (ECON311)</u> | 15 |
| <u>ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICIES (ECON315)</u> | 15 |
| <u>BIG DATA ANALYTICS AND ADVANCED ECONOMETRIC METHODS: DATA PROJECT (ECON317)</u> | 15 |
| <u>ECONOMICS OF BANKING (ECON323)</u> | 15 |
| <u>HEALTH ECONOMICS (ECON326)</u> | 15 |
| <u>SPORTS ECONOMICS (ECON328)</u> | 15 |
| <u>INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION (ECON333)</u> | 15 |
| <u>FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (ACFI342)</u> | 15 |
| <u>CAPITAL MARKETS (ACFI321)</u> | 15 |

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Combined degree

Choosing this subject as a combined degree

A Joint (50%) Economics programme as a combined degree provides a balance of the basic principles of economics with your other chosen subject with your modules split 50/50 between the two.

Please note you cannot trade up to Major or Single Honours when applying for Economics as part of a joint course.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Modules are taught using the latest active learning techniques including business simulations, real-world case studies, social media, interactive participation software, lecture capture and real-time financial and business data using our Bloomberg Trading Floor. The principal forms of teaching are lectures and seminars with lectures normally being supported by material such as hand-outs and presentations.

Seminars give the opportunity for detailed discussion of a topic under the direction of a tutor. You are normally expected to prepare work in advance for seminars and may be expected to present work or give presentations from time to time. On some modules, such as quantitative techniques and IT, seminars may take the form of practical sessions using our PC suites.

All our degrees depend on you spending a good part of the week in private or group study in preparation for lectures and seminars. This involves making extensive use of the excellent library and IT facilities, just one minute's walk away from the Management School.

How you're assessed

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations. The exact weighting will vary from one module to another. As well as individual assignments and exams, you may also be assessed on group reports and presentations.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Studying Economics at the Management School will provide you with the skills to work in finance, accountancy and government administration.

You will be encouraged to undertake a Year in Industry as part of the four-year sandwich degree programme.

Recent employers for the previously mentioned professions include:

- BDO
- Capita
- HRMC
- IW Capital
- KPMG.

You can also explore taught postgraduate opportunities in our management school including:

- MSc Economics
- MSc Accounting and Finance
- MSc Project Management.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fee covers almost everything, but you may have additional study costs to consider, such as books, specialist equipment or field trips.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £9,535

Year in industry fee – £1,850

Year abroad fee – £1,385 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £25,000

Year in industry fee – £1,850

Year abroad fee – £12,500 (applies to year in China)

Fees are for academic year 2025/26.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

All students have the opportunity to spend a semester studying overseas during their second year, subject to your year one performance. If you elect to study abroad you will need to cover associated travel and living costs. University travel bursaries and subsistence grants are available.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

AAB

including Mathematics minimum grade A

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **ABB** with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

T levels are not currently accepted.

GCSE

GCSE Mathematics at grade 5/C and GCSE English at grade 4/C required.

Subject requirements

A level Mathematics minimum grade A required.

The A level requirement for Economics at 50% is grade A at A level Mathematics.

Some Level 3 qualifications are only acceptable alongside 2 A levels, please [contact us](#) for details.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

BTEC Diploma at D*D*D plus A level Mathematics grade A.

Or BTEC Extended Diploma at D*D*D plus A level Mathematics grade A.

BTEC applicants without an A level should apply to N100, N120 or N500.

BTEC qualifications must be in a Business related subject:

- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Business
- Business, Accounting and Finance
- Computing
- Creative Digital Media Production
- Engineering
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality
- Information Communications Technology
- Information Technology
- Media
- Public Services
- Strategic Management and Leadership
- Travel and Tourism

International Baccalaureate

34 points overall with no score less than 4 and including 6 in HL Mathematics or pass the IB Diploma plus 6,6,5 in 3 HL subjects including 6 in HL Mathematics.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1,H1,H2,H2,H2,H3, including H1 in Mathematics

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

Scottish Advanced Highers at AAB with A in Mathematics

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus grades AA at A level to include Mathematics.

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 36 at Distinction (including a minimum of 15 Maths credits) and 9 at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

| Your most recent IELTS score | Pre-sessional English course length | On campus or online |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5 | 6 weeks | On campus |
| 5.5 overall, with no component below 5.5 | 10 weeks | On campus and online options available |
| 5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0 | 12 weeks | On campus and online options available |
| 5.5 overall, with no component below 4.5 | 20 weeks | On campus |
| 5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5 | 30 weeks | On campus |

| Your most recent IELTS score | Pre-sessional English course length | On campus or online |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0 | 40 weeks | On campus |

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year [Go Higher diploma](#) qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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