ECONOMICS
BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?

An Economics degree empowers you with the analytical, communication and data skills to address and answer the most important questions in the modern world. From climate change to inequality, and from globalisation to education, Economics is the study of decision-making and incentives throughout our societies and our communities. Here at Stirling, you will learn Economics in a revolutionary new way through our commitment to the CORE project – ‘Economics for a changing world’. As a result, our Economics course is grounded in using real world data to answer real world problems from the very beginning, whilst also fully preparing students for graduate employment or further study in Economics.

In understanding the issues of today, our course prepares students to help change the world of tomorrow.

2ND IN SCOTLAND AND TOP 10 IN THE UK
(The Guardian University Guide 2020)

COURSE DETAILS

We offer an Honours course in Economics and Combined Honours courses with a range of other subjects: Accountancy, Business Studies, Environmental Science, Finance, Marketing, Mathematics, Politics; or Politics/Philosophy.

You will take Economics plus two other subjects in Year 1.

SEMESTERS 1–4
You will take the following compulsory modules in Year 1:

ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING AND MARKETS
In this module you will learn the tools of an economist through the analysis of historical and current global issues. Unlike traditional introductory courses in economics, you will cover economic history, climate change and strategic interactions, in addition to the central role of incentives in markets.

UNDERSTANDING THE WIDER ECONOMY
In this module, you’ll cover the causes and consequences of fluctuations in the wider economy, the financial crisis, and the issues for policymakers in a globalised world. There is particular focus on technological change, wellbeing and policy.

In Year 2, you will then move on to study Intermediate Microeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics.

STATISTICS FOR ECONOMICS, BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
This module provides students with a comprehensive understanding of descriptive statistics and probability, which equips students with the foundations of statistical inference. This training significantly develops students’ quantitative and analytical skills, and is required for the modules of Using Economic Data (ECNU3ED), and Financial Economics (ECNU3FE), offered in semesters 5 and 6 respectively.
**SEMESTERS 5–8**

All Honours students take compulsory advanced modules designed to develop their knowledge and understanding of the central methods of economic analysis and major policy issues. These are:

- Using Economic Data
- Growth, Inequality and Economic Instability
- Behavioural Economics
- Decision and Game Theory
- Economic Policy

In the final year, you will write a dissertation on a subject of your choice.

For the remainder of the course students choose a number of options, on topics such as: Industrial Organisation, Financial Economics; Environmental Economics; or a range of options from across the Management School. Combined Honours students take the same core modules as Honours students but replace some or all of the Economics options with modules in their other subject.

“My fellow economics students are fun, the staff always have an open door and the course is stimulating. I have enjoyed every second of it.”

Jack Kleinjan,
BA (Hons) Economics

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Economics develops the skill to construct models that describe how markets and economic systems operate, and the ability to use data to analyse effects of government policy on the functioning of the economy.

Economics is also recognized as an attractive discipline to acquire transferable skills that are useful in many careers. Our graduates have entered in management, consultancy, banking and academia.

More than 97% of our undergraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17).

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

**YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS**

SQA Highers:
- ABBB - by the end of S5
- AABB - by the end of S6

GCE A-levels:
- BBB

IB Diploma:
- 32

BTEC (Level 3):
- DDM

**YEAR 2 ENTRY – THREE-YEAR HONOURS**

SQA Adv Highers:
- ABB

GCE A-levels:
- ABB

IB Diploma:
- 35

Essential subjects:
Economics at Higher, A-level or equivalent
Mathematics National 5 (B), Intermediate 2 (C), Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C/4) or equivalent

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry: Bs in graded units
Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

General entry requirements apply.
Please visit: stir.ac.uk/av

**PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE**
TYPICAL TIMETABLE

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Accounting and Finance for Managers strongly recommended.

COMPULSORY MODULES

OPTIONAL MODULES

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COURSE COMBINATIONS
This course can be combined with:
Accountancy (LN14); Business Studies (LN11); Environmental Science (FL91); Finance (LN13); Marketing (NL51); Mathematics (GL11); Politics (LL12), or Politics/Philosophy (L0V0)

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