

ECONOMICS (MSc)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in Economics or a closely related subject (e.g. Business Economics, Finance, joint degrees with substantial economics component).

We welcome applications from a diverse range of applicants so will also consider those with a 1st or 2.1 Honours degree, or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in other quantitative subjects (e.g. Mathematics) and those with relevant previous work experience alongside academic qualifications. We encourage applicants to submit a detailed CV.

Candidates who do not satisfy the above but who are holders of an equivalent approved professional qualification or work experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

For information on international qualification equivalents, please see: go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students wishing to apply to Queen's University Belfast (and for whom English is not their first language), must be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English in order to benefit fully from their course of study or research. Non-EEA nationals must also satisfy UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes.

Evidence of an IELTS* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required.

*Taken within the last 2 years.

For more information on English Language requirements for EEA and non-EEA nationals see: go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs

If you need to improve your English language skills before your study, our partner INTO Queen's University Belfast offers a range of English language courses: www.intohigher.com/qub

FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI): £6,900
England, Scotland or Wales (GB): £6,900
Other (Non-UK/EU): £6,900
International: £17,900

For fees and funding information please see:
Fees: qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees
Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/qubpgfunding

DURATION

1 year full-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

Economists are among the most influential thought leaders in 21st century life. They play a key role in helping us to understand the world around us and to make it function better. Many of our most challenging problems: global warming, poverty, rising inequality, public debt, the impact of the financial crisis are economic in nature. The MSc at Queen's provides the advanced knowledge and skills to understand these and other issues and to prepare students for careers as economists or for further study towards a PhD.

The programme brings together a set of modules that aim to provide the student with a clear modern and post-crisis perspective on the 21st century global economy. This includes a sequence of modules in microeconomics founded on decision and game theoretic principles; developing a network perspective on socio-economic interaction in the 21st century global economy; a sequence of modules in institutional economic history that provide a historically informed perspective on the main macroeconomic policy instruments that are used in our global economy; and a sequence of modules that provide practical skills of data analysis and econometric techniques.

If you are interested in advanced study that is 'post-crisis' in structure and content, delivered at one of the UK's leading research universities, then this degree is for you. The programme builds on our established strengths in economic history, economic network theory and the quantitative analysis of economic and social policy, allowing students to combine a deep and wide-ranging understanding of the discipline with the opportunity to specialise in one of these three particular fields.

Seminars and masterclasses from expert guest speakers are an integral part of the programme.

CONTENT

Semester 1 (CATS)

- Economic Decision-making and Behaviour (15) *Analyses individual decision making and presents a comprehensive overview of theories of how decisions are made in an interactive environment.*
- History and Philosophy of Economics (15) *Understand the methodology of economics, the classical political economy and the marginal revolution.*
- Applied Econometrics (15) *Explores the techniques used in economics and policy evaluation to address real-world questions using real data and leading statistical software such as STATA.*
- Global Economic History (15) *Explores the lessons that globalisation in prior epochs has for contemporary economic conditions, illustrating how key economic concepts underpin historical patterns.*



Semester 2 (CATS)

- Economics of Markets and Networks (15) *Covers recent developments in the theory of commodity markets and socio-economic networks.*
- Labour Economics and Social Policy (15) *Understand labour economics theory, its application to labour market and social policy issues, and the empirical evidence and methods that make up the contemporary labour economist's toolkit.*
- Contemporary Macroeconomics (15) *Examine economic growth (the long-run analysis) and short-run fluctuations of the economy (business cycles).*
- Topics in Economics (15) *Explore cutting-edge research in economic theory, economic history and the applied economics of economic and social policy and institutions.*

Summer Semester

Dissertation or consultancy-based project (60 CAT points)

Modules are subject to change.

ASSESSMENT

Two thirds by written examination and continuous assessment. One third by either a dissertation or a consultancy project.

CAREERS

Well trained economists are highly sought after in the global marketplace and are employed by consultancy firms, financial institutions and other international businesses, as well as in the public sector and by national and international NGOs. Some students will wish to go on to PhD study in Economics in preparation for a career as an academic or research economist.

Graduates have gained employment as Economic Consultants and Assistant Economists in organisations like Aviva, Citigroup, Deloitte and KPMG, Oxford Economics, NERA Economic Consulting, First Derivatives, Morgan Stanley, Santander, RSM McClure Watters and the Foreign Commonwealth Office.

WHY QUEEN'S?

7th in the UK for teaching satisfaction

(Guardian University Guide 2020)

Cutting-edge

Economics, and the way economics is taught, is changing. This programme, focuses on using cutting-edge economic analysis to understand the world today and our behaviour within it, places you at the forefront of this advance.

Flexibility

You will cover all the core elements (compulsory modules) you need for an advanced understanding of economics and to develop your analytical and quantitative skill set, but you will also have the flexibility to tailor the course to your personal interests and career aspirations.

Guest Speakers

In addition to working with Queen's own expert Faculty, students have the opportunity to learn from external international experts in their fields who come to Queen's to give seminars and masterclasses. You will also hear guest lectures from industry professionals, with opportunities to network afterwards.

Software

Weekly training sessions in our state-of-the-art computer lab will help you to develop your data analytical skills using market-leading econometrics software such as Stata.

Queen's Management School is committed to the continuous improvement and enhancement of all of its degree programmes. New modules may be developed and included to replace or enhance those which are mentioned here.

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