

**National Student Survey, 2005-09**  
**Results for Queen's University Belfast**  
**Full-time, first degree students**  
**Subject:**  
**(all scores out of a maximum of 5.0)**

**Economics**

Year	2005	2006*	2007	2008	2009
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<b>Population</b>	72	*	92	64	59
<b>Respondents</b>	45	*	58	36	36
<b>Response Rate</b>	63%	*	63%	56%	61%

**The teaching on my course**

Staff are good at explaining things.	3.8	*	3.7	3.8	3.8
Staff have made the subject interesting.	3.6	*	3.2	3.5	3.2
Staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching.	3.8	*	3.7	3.9	3.6
The course is intellectually stimulating.	3.8	*	3.8	3.9	3.8
	<b>3.8</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>

**Assessment and feedback**

The criteria used in marking have been clear in advance.	3.5	*	3.5	3.9	3.6
Assessment arrangements and marking have been fair.	3.8	*	3.4	4.0	3.8
Feedback on my work has been prompt.	3.2	*	3.3	3.9	3.6
I have received detailed comments on my work.	3.3	*	3.2	3.5	3.5
Feedback on my work has helped me clarify things I did not understand.	3.2	*	2.9	3.3	3.2
	<b>3.4</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>

**Academic support**

I have received sufficient advice and support with my studies.	3.6	*	3.6	3.3	3.5
I have been able to contact staff when I needed to.	4.0	*	4.1	4.1	4.3
Good advice was available when I needed to make study choices.	3.6	*	3.6	3.7	3.9
	<b>3.7</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>

**Organisation and management**

The timetable works efficiently as far as my activities are concerned.	3.9	*	3.8	3.7	3.6
Any changes in the course or teaching have been communicated effectively.	4.1	*	4.0	3.4	3.9
The course is well organised and is running smoothly.	3.9	*	3.7	3.7	3.9
	<b>4.0</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Year	2005	2006*	2007	2008	2009
<b>Learning resources</b>					
The library resources and services are good enough for my needs.	4.2	*	4.3	4.5	4.2
I have been able to access general IT resources when I needed to.	4.3	*	4.4	4.5	4.1
I have been able to access specialised equipment, facilities or rooms when I needed to.	4.1	*	4.0	4.1	3.7
	<b>4.2</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Personal development</b>					
The course has helped me to present myself with confidence.	3.7	*	3.5	3.7	3.7
My communication skills have improved.	3.9	*	3.6	4.1	3.9
As a result of the course, I feel confident in tackling unfamiliar problems.	3.8	*	3.5	3.9	3.9
	<b>3.8</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Overall satisfaction</b>					
Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course.	4.0	*	3.5	4.0	3.9
	<b>4.0</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>

\* Publication threshold of 23 respondents and 50% response rate not met.