



What will I learn?

The course encourages you to develop an understanding of economic concepts and theories through a critical consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions of everyday life. As such, you will apply the economic theories and concepts learned in a range of contexts and appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real world phenomena. You will also analyse, explain and evaluate the market economy and the role of government in it. The subject matter of the modules is of particular relevance in today's dynamic global economy. You will develop a critical approach to various economic models and methods of enquiry, applying them to a range of present day economic problems. The ethical and social dimensions of Economics will be included – such as the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy, the relationship between rich and poor countries, the distribution of income and wealth within a particular society and the quality of life between and within economies.

Highlights

Whilst many economic theories have survived scrutiny for decades, or even centuries, the context that they operate within is always changing. Hence you will benefit from studying a 'real-time' subject. You will develop a commercial awareness that will be vital when applying for jobs within a number of key industries, particularly those within the finance sector with the possibilities of visits to a number of city-based institutions in London as well as an annual economics conference with a number of highly regarded speakers from the world of economics, business and politics.

What are the recommended entry requirements?

No previous study of Economics is required. However, due to the increased quantitative elements on the course, it is highly recommended that you have achieved a minimum of a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics. Essay writing is also a key skill and we would expect students to have achieved well in GCSE English - a grade 7 is preferable. You will also develop an awareness of the economic environment in which you live. It will therefore be necessary for you to keep well informed about economic events and debates as they occur.

How will I be assessed?

The A-Level qualification will involve three exams at the end of Year 13. All exams will focus on stimulus material from the world of economics relevant to that exam's particular focus. The exams will combine a mixture of multiple choice, data interpretation and essay-type questions to fully assess your abilities. There is no coursework for this course.

What are the costs?

You are expected to provide your own writing materials and a course-specific textbook is available to purchase if the student wishes to do so. You will be asked to pay for any course trips you participate in and you will have the option of subscribing to subject relevant magazines, including *The Economist*.

Future Opportunities

Economics is a highly regarded academic subject relevant if you wish to follow a wide range of careers such as finance, management, law and even medicine. It therefore works well with the sciences, arts, languages and humanities and each year students successfully combine Economics with subjects from all these areas.