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TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
The University of Dublin

ECONOMICS AT TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN



WHY STUDY ECONOMICS AT TRINITY?



EXCITING AND FLEXIBLE DEGREE POSSIBILITIES

Economics may be studied either in Business, Economic and Social Studies (BESS), in the Two Subject Moderatorship (TSM) or in Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology (PPES). The subject is particularly attractive due to the wide variety of courses and degree options available. The BESS programme with its multiplicity of options gives students the opportunity to combine Economics with a whole range of other subjects in the social and political sciences and business and allows them ample time to make well-informed decisions about their future studies and career paths. The TSM Programme offers a further flexible pathway to a degree and allows students to combine Economics with a range of other interesting subjects such as Geography, History, Sociology, German, Spanish and Portuguese, Russian, Mathematics, Philosophy and Psychology. The PPES programme is a recent innovation that brings together the four subjects that are taught by the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Department of Economics places considerable emphasis on providing a supportive and stimulating teaching environment for all students. In addition to lectures, which are given by highly qualified academic staff, the Department facilitates learning through:

- Interested approachable staff
- Small tutorial groups
- Student presentations and involvement
- Teaching Assistants assigned to many courses
- Time set aside each week by all staff and Teaching Assistants to deal with any student difficulties on a one-to-one basis
- Involvement in societies and debates and in the publication of the Student Economic Review, allowing students to gain valuable experience.

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One of the special attractions of studying Economics at Trinity is the wide range of course options from which students can choose as well as the flexibility to study Economics with a range of other subjects. In addition to core courses in economic theory in each year, students have the opportunity to apply this theory to real world problems in courses such as the Economy of Ireland, the Economics of Public Policy, the European Economy, Industrial Economics, Transport Economics and the Economics of Less Developed Countries. The broad range of subjects prepares students for a variety of careers including business, finance, journalism, government, international organisations, research and teaching. Whether you are interested in key policy issues, current and international affairs, finance, accountancy or have particular quantitative interests, economics has everything to offer you.

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POLICY ORIENTATED STUDENT

This is the student who is interested in current economic affairs in Ireland and abroad; the student with an interest in the workings of the European Union; and those interested in understanding how

government action might be used to pursue economic and social goals such as lowering unemployment, reducing poverty or assisting the Third World.

For these students the economics curriculum offers a variety of courses such as Economy of Ireland, Economics of Public Policy, European Economy, Economics of Less Developed Countries, Transport Economics and Economics of Policy Issues.

THE FINANCE / ACCOUNTANCY ORIENTATED STUDENT

This is the student that plans a career in the financial services and accountancy sectors. The Economics programme in BESS offers a number of courses to introduce students to this area. These include options such as Investment Analysis, Economics of Financial Markets and Money and Banking.

THE QUANTITATIVE / THEORY ORIENTATED STUDENT

This is the student who particularly enjoys mathematics and abstract thinking. This type of student can choose a number of mathematically-orientated courses including Econometrics, Mathematical Economics and Quantitative Methods. Students strong in mathematics with an interest in current affairs or finance, who are considering Engineering or Physics, for example, should also consider Economics as a degree option.

STUDYING ECONOMICS AT TRINITY



Economics may be studied at Trinity through the following degree programmes:

- Business, Economic and Social Studies (BESS) – TR081
- Two Subject Moderatorship (TSM) – TR001
- Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology (PPES) – TR015

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ECONOMICS COURSES ON OFFER

Economics students (BESS, TSM and PPES) may choose from a wide range of course options as follows:

First Year (Junior Freshman)

Introduction to Economics
Mathematics and Statistics
Introduction to Economic Policy (TSM)

Second Year (Senior Freshman)

Intermediate Economics
Economy of Ireland
Economics of Public Policy
Mathematical and Statistical Methods

Third Year (Junior Sophister)

Economic Analysis
Money and Banking
European Economy
Economics of Less Developed Countries
Investment Analysis
Economics of Policy Issues
Industrial Economics
Mathematical Economics
Econometrics

Fourth Year (Senior Sophister)

Economic Theory
World Economy
Development Economics
Economics of Financial Markets
Transport Economics
Quantitative Methods
International Economics
Monetary Thought and Policy
Economic and Legal Aspects of Competition
Policy
Dissertation

STUDYING ECONOMICS AS PART OF BESS



SINGLE HONOURS ECONOMICS

First Year (Junior Freshman):

Students pursue the common programme regardless of their final degree option.

Second Year (Senior Freshman):

In second year students select six subjects from the range of courses offered by BESS. Single Honours students take Intermediate Economics, Economy of Ireland and Mathematical and Statistical Methods plus three optional courses.

Third Year (Junior Sophister):

Students in third year take six courses. Those pursuing a Single Honours Economics degree take Economic Analysis and Econometrics and at least one other Economics course.

Fourth Year (Senior Sophister):

In their final year, students take four courses. Economic Theory is a core requirement and students may choose three of the remaining courses offered.

Economics as part of BESS provides a broad-based education in the social sciences combined with the opportunity to specialise in a chosen subject. All students follow a "common" first year programme; in this way students are introduced to a wide range of subjects giving them the opportunity to explore new interests without committing to a particular subject at that early stage.

During the second year students may choose from a range of optional courses before deciding at the end of the year which degree course to follow in third and fourth year. The BESS programme is thus designed to give students extra time to make a well-informed decision about their future studies and career paths.

ECONOMICS DEGREE OPTIONS IN BESS:

At the beginning of third year students may choose to focus solely on Economics through the Single Honours programme. Alternatively, they may choose to pursue a Joint Honours option by combining Economics with either Business Studies, Political Science or Sociology. Economics subject requirements differ depending on whether a student decides to pursue a Single or Joint Honours Economics degree.

JOINT HONOURS ECONOMICS

In this option Economics is taken with either Business Studies, Political Science or Sociology. The core economics requirements for a Joint Honours degree are as follows:

First Year (Junior Freshman):

Students pursue a common programme regardless of their final degree option.

Second Year (Senior Freshman):

In second year students select six subjects from the range of courses offered by BESS. Joint Honours Economics students must take Intermediate Economics, Economy of Ireland and Mathematical and Statistical Methods.

Please note that the Business School and Political Science Department also require students to take specific courses. Refer to the handbooks issued by these Departments for further information.

Third Year (Junior Sophister):

Students in third year are required to take six courses in total. Those pursuing a Joint Honours Economics degree must take three Economics courses, one of which must be chosen from a designated subset of the available courses.

Fourth Year (Senior Sophister):

In their final year, students take four courses. Students must take any two of the Economics courses offered. There are no compulsory fourth year Economics courses for the Joint Honours Economics degree option.

STUDYING ECONOMICS IN TSM

Taking Economics as a TSM subject means that you study Economics as well as one other subject. This option will be of particular interest to students who want to study Economics but also wish to study some other subject area. Economics can be combined with a wide range of subjects including Geography, History, Sociology, German, Spanish and Portuguese, Russian, Mathematics, Philosophy and Psychology. The combinations of subjects available for study with economics have been chosen deliberately to take advantage of the way different subjects relate to one another. Thus, for example, Geography helps us to understand why regions differ, why firms locate as they do and the problems of urban renewal. Knowledge of European languages increases our ability to understand international economic relations. History helps our understanding of the causes of economic growth and why some countries developed earlier than others. Psychology and Sociology help us to understand the foundations of behaviour in an economic context. Studying two subjects has the advantage of being able to use one discipline to throw light upon the other. Many modern day economic problems require a multi-disciplinary approach, something for which a TSM student will be better prepared. Economics itself, as a discipline, has numerous points of contact with other subject areas. Recent Nobel Prize winners in Economics include John Nash, a mathematician, Douglas North, a historian and Daniel Kahneman, a psychologist.

ECONOMICS DEGREE OPTIONS IN TSM

There are two ways to follow a TSM degree:

Pattern A · **Pattern B**

Studying Economics through Pattern A:

Pattern A Students study the two subjects together for all four years. Those choosing Economics as one of their options may combine it with either Geography, German, Mathematics or Sociology.

Studying Economics through Pattern B:

Pattern B Students study the two subjects together for three years and then specialise in one of these for the fourth year. Those choosing Economics as one of their options can combine it with either Geography, German, Mathematics, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Russian, or Spanish and Portuguese.

Within the TSM programme, Economics teaching in the Freshman (first two) years emphasises the understanding of the basic principles of economics and the acquisition of the quantitative and analytical skills necessary for more in-depth study. The student will also receive instruction on how the modern economy works both from an Irish and a global perspective. In the Sophister (third and fourth) years, there are very few compulsory courses. Students are therefore able to construct their own programme from a wide range of options.

STUDYING ECONOMICS AS PART OF PPES (Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology)

The new four-year undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology, hosted by the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, had its first intake of students in October 2008.

The PPES degree programme provides a unique opportunity to study four subjects that are relevant to understanding any society. Economists explore how people and institutions behave and function when producing, exchanging and using goods and services. Philosophy will train you to question your own assumptions, and someone else's, and to articulate your point of view carefully and thoughtfully. Political Science is the field concerning the theory and practice of politics and the description and analysis of political systems and political behaviour. Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour.

In the Junior Freshman (first) year students will take six compulsory courses from within all four subjects.

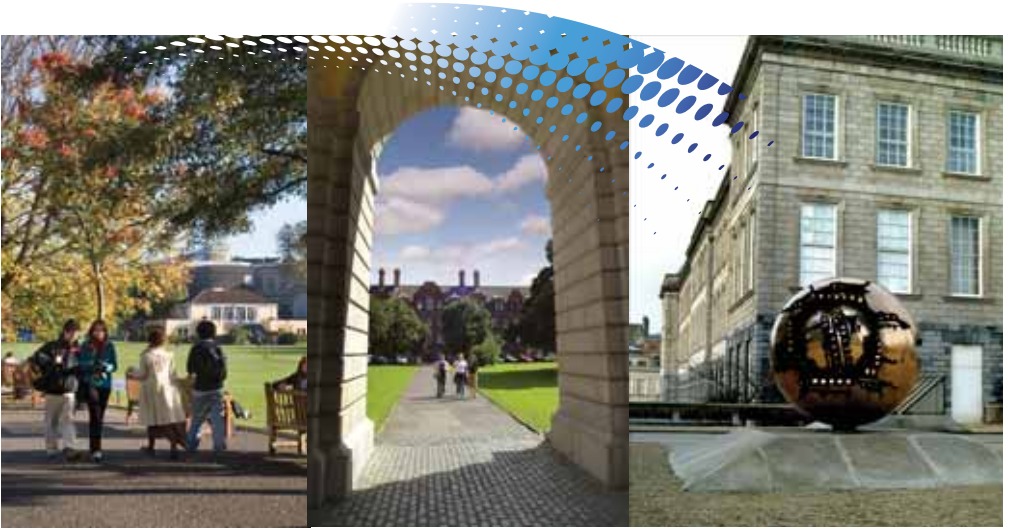
In the Senior Freshman (second) year you choose three of the four subjects and you take a total of six courses, i.e. Students can choose Economics and two subjects from Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology.

In the Junior Sophister (third) year you take two of the subjects taken in the Senior Freshman year. So, again, you have plenty of choice.

And then in the Senior Sophister (fourth) year you may choose to continue with both subjects (which is joint honors) or specialise in just one of Economics, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology (single honors).

In all cases you graduate with a B.A. (Moderatorship) in Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES



Students may take part in exchange programmes with a range of universities outside Ireland for part or all of their third year under the auspices of the Erasmus programme arranged through the Department of Economics and through the "double" degree programmes with two prestigious French Business Schools.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES:

The following Erasmus exchange programmes are open to all Economics students:

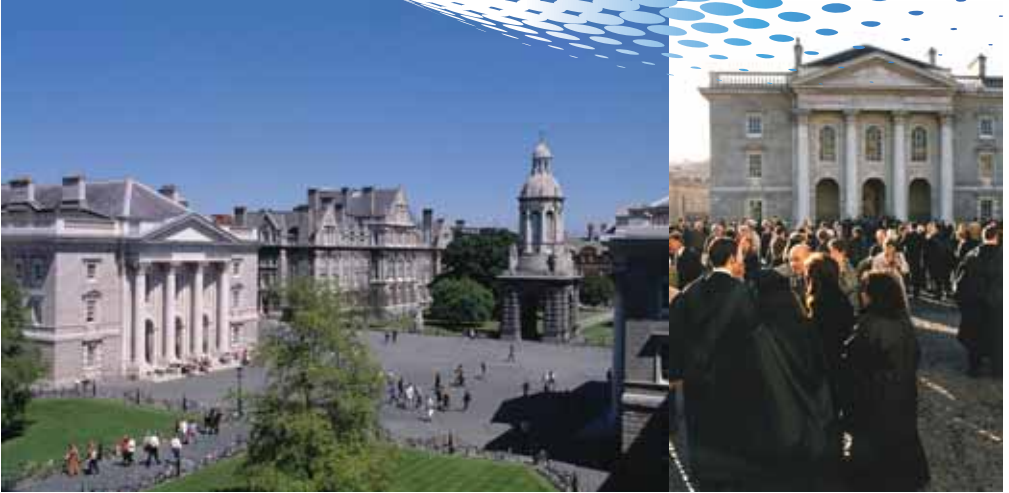
Louvain, Belgium	Köln, Germany	Queensland, Australia
Tilburg, Netherlands	Sciences Po, Paris	HEC, Paris

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME:

Through its credit transfer agreements with the highly regarded business schools the Ecole Européenne des Affaires de Paris (ESCP/EAP) and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), the Economics Department offers a limited number of places on two degree programmes. This involves an extended period of study abroad leading to the double award of the degree of B.A. (Moderatorship) with honours or the Bachelor in Business Studies (B.B.S.) from the University of Dublin and a postgraduate qualification from the partner institution.

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LANGUAGE SKILLS



Studying Economics at Trinity has an increasingly European dimension. The Department therefore encourages the study of Economics with a European language through the TSM Economics and Germanic Studies, Spanish and Portuguese or Russian combinations. However, the possibilities of studying Economics with a language are much wider than this. For example, students studying Economics through either TSM or BESS may, in their first and second years, take an optional course in either French or German, intended in part to enable them to study at a university abroad during their third year. These courses are designed to develop oral and language written skills, with special emphasis on aspects of the language of particular relevance to Business Studies, Economics and the other social sciences.

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WIDE RANGE OF CAREER CHOICES

Whether taken through BESS, TSM or PPES, Economics is one of the most flexible and useful subjects for pursuing a future career. Economics graduates are much sought in many fields by employers who value analytical and problem-solving skills. Our graduates have excellent prospects in all the following areas:

- Finance and Banking
- Research
- Consultancy
- Teaching
- Public Service
- Journalism
- Politics
- International Organisations

Recent graduates in Economics include the former President of the European Parliament, Pat Cox, politician, Mary Harney, Chief Executive of Ryanair, Michael O’Leary – its founder, Chief Executive of the UK Office of Fair Trading, John Fingleton and TV presenter, David McWilliams. Many of our graduates work in the financial sector, the media and domestic and international policy organisations.

SOCIAL LIFE



The social life at Trinity College is one of the best of any university. Its city-centre location and unique social and architectural environment makes Trinity an ideal place for personal as well as academic development. During your time here you will have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Trinity's varied social life includes over 40 sports clubs and 80 societies devoted to everything from music to windsurfing, debating to film-making. A short walk from your lectures you will find all the city's best theatres, cinemas, cafes and pubs, all of which provide opportunities to meet friends after an interesting day in college. It is all part of the "Trinity Experience".

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There are also many social outlets for the student who wishes to combine social and academic activities. For example, several student societies are devoted to economic and business interests. The Dublin University Business and Economics Society (DUBES) organises lectures and seminars throughout the year as well as the annual Economics Colours Debate against UCD Economics students. AIESEC, the Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (International Association of Business and Economics Students), provides opportunities for students to undertake a wide range of education-related projects aiming at practical management experience, leadership skills and involvement in organisations and organises the International Traineeship Exchange Programme (ITEP). The Student Economic Review Committee publishes the annual Student Economic Review which provides students with opportunities to publish their work.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



School-leavers apply through the Common Applications Office (CAO) by 1st February- for TR081 (BESS), TR001(TSM) or TR015 (PPES).

Mature students (over 23 years of age) apply through the CAO and the Trinity College Admissions Office by 1st February and selected by interview.

FURTHER INFORMATION

ECONOMICS COURSES

For more detailed information on any of the above courses, please refer to the Department of Economics website at www.tcd.ie/economics or contact:

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