

School of Social Sciences
and Philosophy
Department of Economics

MSc in Economics



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Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's leading university and is recognised as one of the top universities in the world. Trinity was founded in 1592, and today the university is a cosmopolitan community of students from around the world. Its bustling 47 acre campus, in the heart of Dublin, is the ideal environment for studying, learning, relaxing and living.

Economics has been an important part of the College's curriculum since 1832 when the Whately Chair of Political Economy was established. The Department is committed to delivering the highest standards of teaching and has a strong research record, particularly in the field of applied economics. It has an active postgraduate research programme which produces the largest number of doctoral degrees of any economics department in Ireland.

MSc in Economics

This one-year full-time (two-year part-time) postgraduate programme is designed to provide well-qualified graduates, in economics and related disciplines, with the education required to undertake a PhD in economics or to work as a professional economist in government or private sector organisations.

The programme focuses on the core technical skills needed to undertake research in economics and emphasises active and problem-based learning to ensure mastery of the basic skills. This is made possible by keeping class sizes small with 20-25 students being accepted per year.

Trinity graduates are exceptionally well-regarded worldwide and the course attracts a diverse international student body with students regularly attending from across Europe, North America and Asia.

Course Structure and Assessment

Students are examined through continuous assessment and examinations at the end of each semester. The course is structured around the following four components:

- A two week long intensive preliminary course in Mathematics, which commences early September, prior to the beginning of term.
- Taught modules in:
 - Microeconomics: introduction to microeconomics, game theory, economics of the household.
 - Macroeconomics: Introduction to macroeconomics, economic growth, monetary policy, international macroeconomics, emergence of macroeconomic policy.
 - Development Economics: Introduction to development, long-run development, political economy, impact evaluation.
 - Econometrics: classical linear regression and panel data (term 1); univariate and multivariate time-series analysis (term 2).
- A Research Topics module which introduces students to research methodologies and research topics in the field of economics and aims to prepare students for writing a dissertation.
- A research proposal which is submitted at the end of the second semester with the aim of completing a dissertation of 12,000 words by June 30th.

We aim to provide students with maximum freedom in choosing their modules. In addition, we offer a unique specialisation in “International Development”, which allows students to concentrate on exploring this rapidly evolving professional field.

"I'm now working in development research in India, thanks to the training I received during the MSc at TCD. I would recommend the programme to anyone with a quantitative background who wants to get a PhD in economics or wants to work in economic research/consulting/policy."

Parth Chawla,
CLASS of 2019

"I studied the MSc. in Economics part time while also working nearby in the Central Bank of Ireland. The flexible environment allowed me to attain a high quality masters degree which gave a quantitative foundation in advanced economics, while supplementing this with rich applied studies in the second term."

Conor Parle,
CLASS of 2019

"Studying at Trinity College was one of the best decisions I've ever made. The course was demanding, but studying on Trinity's ancient campus was truly unique. The international aspect of the university left me with friends from all around the world. I would highly recommend the MSc to anyone looking to further their study in economics or related fields."

James Wales,
CLASS of 2019

Gateway to PhD Study

A significant number of MSc students have gone on to PhD study at leading universities around the world such as Boston University, Duke University, New York University, Oxford, LSE, University College London, University of Queensland and Trinity College Dublin.

MSc students are exposed to a broad range of economics research expertise at Trinity, which helps students to identify where their research interests lie. Students are also guided through the process of developing a research idea and are given the opportunity to present their research ideas to the department's academics. In addition, students gain expertise in mathematical tools and modelling techniques which has proven invaluable in the challenging first year of PhD study.

Career Opportunities

From a career perspective economics is an extremely flexible and practical subject. Graduates are highly sought after by employers, in a range of fields, who value analytical and problem-solving skills. Our graduates have excellent prospects in finance and banking, research, consultancy, teaching, public service, journalism, politics and international organisations. Graduates have gone on to successful and rewarding careers in varied roles around the globe. The following are just a few examples of the diverse organisations where MSc in Economics graduates work:



Admission Requirements

Candidates should normally have achieved at least an upper second class honours degree that has a significant quantitative component. Applicants should demonstrate quantitative aptitude by supplying the results of a GRE or GMAT test. Applications are welcomed from candidates with single or joint honours economics degrees, business or BComm degrees with economics options in the final year, or mathematics, physics or engineering graduates. GPAs of at least 3.2 out of 4, or equivalent, are expected from international applicants. All applicants whose first language is not English and who have not been educated through the medium of English will need to present evidence of English language competency.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for this programme please apply online at:

www.tcd.ie/Economics/postgraduate/msc-economics

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