

# Economics

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



## Economics ECS1

Length of Course 3 Years

### Guideline Entry Requirements

**IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma** IB Total 30  
Special Entry Recommendation:  
Maths: 6 at Standard Level/ 5 Higher Level

**Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)** AAA/ BBC + B at AS Level  
Special Entry Recommendation:  
Maths: GCSE Grade B/ A Level Grade C

**Other Examinations** For country specific information see page 157

**UCD International Foundation Year** Yes, see  
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### Choosing Economics

Please note, Economics may also be taken as part of a BA Joint Honours Degree. For more details please refer to page 43.

### Why is this subject for me?

Economics explores how ordinary people – consumers, business people, public servants and politicians – make decisions, and how they choose between alternative ways of spending their money and using their skills, energy and time in a wide range of human endeavour. As well as standard subjects, economics can throw light on decision-making in many diverse areas of life, from love and marriage to sports and crime.

### What will I study?

#### First Year

Macroeconomics [the study of the national economy] • Microeconomics [individual decision-making] • Quantitative Economics [mathematics for economics] • Economics & Society

#### Second & Third Year

Core courses in:

Macroeconomics • Microeconomics • Quantitative Economics • Statistics

There is also a wide range of options, such as:

Labour Economics • Economic History • Behavioural Economics • Transport Economics • European Economy • Financial Economics • Economics of the Environment • International Trade • Health Economics

Students attend lectures and undertake independent study. A combination of end-of-semester written examinations and continuous assessment is used. Continuous assessment may include midterm examinations, projects and oral presentations. In the final year, single subject honours students will submit a research project.



Professor Karl Whelan of the UCD School of Economics delivering a presentation on Ireland's Sovereign Debt Crisis to the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) Economists Group

### Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Graduates with a degree in Economics are well placed for a range of employment opportunities in both public and private sectors, including:

Banking • Finance • Accounting • Management Consultancy • Broadcasting • Business • Journalism • Research • Communications

Many students also pursue graduate study in economics leading to master's and PhD degrees. Check out the wide range of graduate programmes [HDip, MA and PhD – full and part time] offered by the School of Economics at [www.ucd.ie/economics/graduateprogrammes/](http://www.ucd.ie/economics/graduateprogrammes/).

### International Study Opportunities

International opportunities for Economics students fall into two categories.

European Erasmus programmes include:

- Tilburg, the Netherlands
- Namur, Belgium
- La Sapienza, Rome, Italy

Non-EU exchanges include:

- The University of Connecticut, USA
- The University of Hong Kong
- The University of Toronto, Canada



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GRADUATE

UCD has excellent facilities and an outstanding quality of teaching. I chose UCD because of the university ranking and because the tuition fees are reasonable. Our lecturers are great and our classmates are friendly. If international students are looking for a good environment to study economics, they should come to UCD because of the high standard of facilities and teaching quality.

Graduate, MA Economics, Macao

#### KEY FACT

The UCD School of Economics is home to some of Ireland's leading economists, such as Professor Morgan Kelly and Professor Karl Whelan.

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