



# Curriculum Transformation Phase 1

## Part 1: Information Gathering

### Background information on comparator institutions

Top destinations for applicants to **Bath BSc (Hons) Economics** programme:

Top 10 Home/EU applicant destinations				Top 10 Overseas applicant destinations			
Institution	2014	2015	Total	Institution	2014	2015	Total
University of Bath	198	174	372	The University of Warwick	111	56	167
University of Bristol	86	85	171	University of Bath	34	43	77
University of Exeter	98	58	156	UCL (University College London)	31	27	58
The University of Warwick	65	90	155	London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London)	27	19	46
UCL (University College London)	47	52	99	University of Exeter	25	11	36
The University of Nottingham	30	68	98	University of Bristol	24	9	33
Durham University	38	56	94	The University of Nottingham	12	16	28
London School of Economics and Political Science	41	39	80	The University of Manchester	20	6	26
University of Surrey	45	33	78	Durham University	17	7	24
Oxford University	15	38	53	The University of Edinburgh	13	7	20

Data can be obtained from comparator institution webpages:

Programme Groupings	
Institution	Programmes
Bath	<a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics (sandwich year)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; mathematics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; mathematics (sandwich year)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics with study year abroad (year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; politics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; politics (sandwich year)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; politics with study year abroad (year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) international development with economics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) international development with economics (sandwich year)</u></a>
Exeter	<a href="#"><u>BA (hons) politics, philosophy &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) mathematics with economics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; politics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) business economics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; finance (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics with econometrics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u></a>
Bristol	<a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; mathematics (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; politics (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; accounting (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; finance (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; econometrics (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; management (optional study abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) philosophy &amp; economics (optional study abroad)</u></a>
Nottingham	<a href="#"><u>BA (hons) economics with Hispanic studies (year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; econometrics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BA/BSc (hons) economics &amp; international economics</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BA (hons) economics with French (year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BA (hons) economics with German (year abroad)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>BA/BSc (hons) economics</u></a>

	<u>BA (hons) economics with Russian (year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics with Chinese studies</u> <u>BSc (hons) mathematics &amp; economics (optional foundation year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) politics &amp; economics (optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics &amp; philosophy</u> <u>BA (hons) philosophy, politics &amp; economics</u>
Warwick	<u>BSc (hons) economics (optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; industrial organization (optional year abroad)</u> <u>BASc (hons) economic studies &amp; global sustainable development</u> <u>BSc (hons) mathematics &amp; economics</u> <u>BA (hons) French studies &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) German studies &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) Italian studies &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) Hispanic studies &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) philosophy, politics &amp; economics (optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics, politics &amp; international studies</u> <u>MMath (hons) mathematics, operational research, statistics &amp; economics (optional sandwich year)</u> <u>BA (hons) modern languages &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) mathematics, operational research, statistics &amp; economics (optional sandwich year)</u>
Durham	<u>BA (hons) economics (optional foundation year, optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics with management (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics with French (year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics &amp; politics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) finance (optional foundation year, optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) philosophy, politics &amp; economics (optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BA (hons) economics (foundation year, optional sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u>
Surrey	<u>BSc (hons) politics &amp; economics</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; finance</u> <u>BSc (hons) business economics</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; mathematics</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics (sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; finance (sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) business economics (sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) politics &amp; economics (sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u> <u>BSc (hons) economics &amp; mathematics (sandwich year, optional year abroad)</u>

## Course Comparison for Bath and Comparator Institutions

	Bath	Exeter	Bristol	Warwick	Surrey	Nottingham	Durham
<b>Programme</b>	<u>BSc (Hons) Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>	<u>BSc Economics</u>
<b>Typical offer</b>	A*AA-AAA	A*AA-AAB		A*AA	AAB	A*AA or A*ABB	A*AA
<b>Overview</b>	In this degree, you will study the foundation of economic theory and its application to decisions to the real world. You'll explore the connections between economic issues, such as business and rational human behaviour. The course will teach you how to manipulate economic theory, enabling you to solve complex economic problems. You'll develop your knowledge of UK and global economics which will enable you to understand how economic decisions and policies are made.	The BSc Economics programme enables you to understand modern economics, which covers a wide range of topics from inflation to the control of monopoly power, from the study of developing countries to the finance of multinational companies.	We are pioneers of the innovative ' <u>core econ</u> ' approach to teaching economics, which seeks to reconnect the study of economics with our experience of	This challenging degree studies the choices of consumers, corporations, governments, networks and nations. It will teach you to abstract and simplify economic problems, both empirically and theoretically, developing a deep knowledge of global and local economic trends, institutions and policies.	On our BSc Economics course you will learn skills highly sought-after in today's challenging economic environment, as private and public organisations strive to solve increasingly complex problems.	Macroeconomics, microeconomics, mathematics and statistics form the core of the degree. The school offers a wide range of optional modules covering a diverse set of economics topics. You will also have the flexibility to select modules offered by other schools and departments across the University.	Our BA Economics concentrates on the fundamental theories and techniques to help you build a successful career in this competitive field. Taking in historic and current, domestic and international perspectives, you'll develop an in-depth understanding of the subject at all levels.
<b>Contact Hours</b>	Yr 1 -- 24% Yr 2 --26% Yr 3 --28%	11-14 hours, varying across the programmes and year of study.	Yr 1 – 21% Yr 2 – 19% Yr 3 – 11%	11-15 hours p/wk	~ 12 hours p/wk	Unspecified	Unspecified
<b>Placement/ Study Abroad</b>	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry	Apply on Entry
<b>Structure</b>	Modular degree	Modular degree	Modular degree	Modular degree	Modular degree	Modular degree	Modular Degree
<b>Level 1</b>	60 credits per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Introductory microeconomics</u></li> <li>• <u>Core skills for economists: mathematics 1</u></li> <li>• <u>The modern world economy</u></li> <li>• <u>Core skills for economists: introduction to probability and statistics</u></li> <li>• <u>Introductory macroeconomics</u></li> <li>• <u>Core skills for economists: statistics and data analysis</u></li> <li>• <u>Core skills for economists: mathematics 2</u></li> <li>• <u>Economic policy in the UK</u></li> <li>• Plus optional units</li> </ul>	120 credits per year; 60 per semester. Compulsory: Semester 1: 2x15cr & 1x30cr Semester 2: 2x15cr & 1x30cr	120 credits 4x20cr Compulsory Modules: • Economic Principles 1 • Economic Principles 2 • Mathematical and Statistical Methods 1 • Mathematical and Statistical Methods 2 Plus 2x20cr Optional Modules	120cr 4x30cr Compulsory Modules: • Macroeconomics 1 • Microeconomics 1 • Quantitative Techniques • The World Economy Plus 24-30cr optional	120cr 8x15cr Compulsory Modules: • Mathematics for Economics • Introductory Economics • Quantitative Methods • Contemporary Issues in Economics • Economic Data Analysis • Principles of Microeconomics • Principles of Macroeconomics • Statistics for Economics	Core Modules: • Introduction to Macroeconomics • Introduction to Microeconomics • Careers and Employability for Economists Plus 3x optional modules	120cr Compulsory Modules: 3x20cr: • Principles of Economics • Economic Methods • The World Economy Plus 3x20cr Optional Modules.

<b>Level 2</b>	60 credits per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Introduction to econometrics</u></li> <li>• <u>Intermediate microeconomics 1</u></li> <li>• <u>Intermediate macroeconomics 1</u></li> <li>• <u>Intermediate microeconomics 2</u></li> <li>• <u>Intermediate macroeconomics 2</u></li> <li>• Plus optional units</li> </ul>	120 credits per year. Compulsory: 2x30cr 1x15cr + 45 optional cr	120cr 3x20cr Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate Economics 1</li> <li>• Intermediate Economics 2</li> <li>• Econometrics</li> </ul> Plus 3x20cr Optional Modules	120 cr. 3x30cr Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macroeconomics 2</li> <li>• Microeconomics 2</li> <li>• Econometrics 1</li> </ul> Plus 30cr optional modules	120cr Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Econometrics</li> <li>• Intermediate Econometrics</li> <li>• Intermediate Microeconomics 1</li> <li>• Intermediate Microeconomics 2</li> <li>• Intermediate Macroeconomics 1</li> <li>• Intermediate Macroeconomics 2</li> <li>• Economic Analysis with Matrices</li> <li>• History of Economic Thought</li> </ul>	Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macroeconomic Theory</li> <li>• Microeconomic Theory</li> <li>• Plus Econometric Theory I &amp; Econometric Theory II OR Applied Econometrics I &amp; Applied Econometrics II</li> </ul> Plus optional modules	120cr 3x20cr Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macroeconomics</li> <li>• Microeconomics</li> <li>• Economic Data Analysis</li> </ul> Plus 3x20cr Optional Modules
<b>Level 3</b>	60 credits per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Advanced macroeconomics</u></li> <li>• <u>Advanced microeconomics</u></li> <li>• Plus optional units</li> </ul>	120 credits per year. 120 optional credits (90 cr must be Economics BEE modules).	120cr 1x20cr Compulsory Module: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Econometrics</li> </ul> Plus: Applied Economics Dissertation OR Advanced Microeconomics and Macroeconomic Theory and Policy Plus 3x20cr Optional Modules	120cr Compulsory Modules: 1x 30cr Plus 90cr optional modules.	120cr 2x15cr Compulsory Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics in Microeconomics</li> <li>• Topics in Macroeconomics</li> </ul> Plus 90cr optional modules.	120cr 1x Compulsory Module: Dissertation Plus optional modules.	120cr 1xCompulsory Module: Dissertation Plus 4x20cr Optional Modules
<b>Dissertation/ Major Project</b>	Compulsory	Optional	Optional	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
<b>Professional skills/accreditation</b>	No	No	Course recognised for the purpose of exemption from some professional exams through the Accredited Degree Accelerated Route: CIMA; ICAEW	No	No	No	AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS accredited.
<b>Key resources</b>	Our computer network enables you to access the up-to-the-minute data on economics. You will use the latest economics based software to improve your ability to conduct analysis.				SPLASH – dedicated learning space  Additional Learning Support		The University Library has an excellent collection of economics books, journals and original source material and your college library may also have a good selection of important texts. You will have access to a range of networked PCs and a wide selection of standard software packages, as well as your own email address.  You will also use duo – Durham’s virtual learning environment – an integrated online solution to manage and improve your learning. duo offers not only facilities to structure learning content (web pages, lecture notes, interactive applications, audio and video clips), but also provides student management, communication and assessment tools

<p><b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p>	<p>Lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops.</p>	<p>Weekly lectures 1-2 hours in length. Seminars and tutorials held every week or every other week, which enable in-depth exploration of the topics covered in lectures, as well as giving you the opportunity to discuss various concepts and theories and receive feedback on your written assignments.</p>	<p>No Data</p>	<p>No Data</p>	<p>Teaching on the course is by lectures, tutorials, seminars and workshop sessions, which absorb about 12 hours each week. The purpose is to use, rather than just study, economics. In tutorials we will encourage you to present your own ideas and develop the verbal skills that will stand you in good stead for the future.</p> <p>Classes and workshops are practical sessions in which you will develop the ability to apply and use economics. For each hour of teaching, you are expected to spend two to three hours in private study. There are also modules where you are required to work in groups.</p>	<p>No Data</p>	<p>Students on this programme learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, informal but scheduled one-on-one support, and self-directed learning, such as research, reading, and writing.</p> <p>All of these are supported by a state of the art virtual learning environment, Durham University Online (DUO). Seminars and workshops are much smaller groups than lectures, small enough to allow one-on-one interaction with professors, lecturers, and sometimes external speakers. Workshops also allow hands-on experience of the kind of work professional economists perform.</p> <p>Students can also attend an extensive programme of research-focused seminars where staff and visiting scholars present their cutting edge research.</p>
<p><b>Assessment</b></p>	<p>Units assessed using a range of methods: coursework, dissertation, multiple choice and written exams. Assessment is predominantly exam based: approx. 70% in years 1 &amp; 2, and 90% in year 3.</p>	<p>Modules are assessed through a mixture of group work, coursework, project work and examinations; the weighting of each of these components will vary according to the academic requirements of the module. Coursework assignments are typically between 2,500 and 6,000 words in length and examinations are normally held at the end of the module, in January and May/June.</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100%</b> Written exams</li> <li>• <b>0%</b> Practical exams</li> <li>• <b>0%</b> Coursework</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>89%</b> Written exams</li> <li>• <b>0%</b> Practical exams</li> <li>• <b>11%</b> Coursework</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Year 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>67%</b> Written exams</li> <li>• <b>0%</b> Practical exams</li> <li>• <b>33%</b> Coursework</li> </ul> <hr/>	<p>Unspecified</p>	<p>Modules are assessed individually and credits are awarded for the successful completion of each one. Assessment takes place through a combination of examination and/or coursework, practical examinations and reports. Check individual module information to see full details at a module level.</p>	<p>Unspecified</p>	<p>Unspecified</p>

<p><b>Employability</b></p>	<p>Our economics graduates are very successful in today's competitive labour market. They pursue a range of careers in both the private and public sectors. Many of our graduates work as economists, financial or business analysts, researchers, accountants and tax professionals. They have worked for organisations such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deloitte</li> <li>• Google</li> <li>• Bank of England</li> <li>• Morgan Stanley</li> <li>• AXA</li> </ul> <p>Students can participate in the Bath Award</p> <p>Career Advice Services.</p> <p>Study Abroad and Work Placement options.</p>	<p>A degree in Economics from Exeter will help you to develop a wide range of essential skills such as analytical problem solving, teamwork, research and organising and communicating information.</p> <p>The majority of graduates from the Business School follow their degree with a career in finance, banking, accounting or management both in the commercial and public sectors. A large number of graduate recruiters in these sectors visit Exeter to recruit our students. Some of our graduates pursue their interest in their studies to a greater depth by following a higher degree, often here at Exeter.</p> <p>Building Careers Webpage.</p> <p>Careers and your Future in Business Webpage.</p> <p>YES! Interactive workshops series.</p> <p>China Career Ready Programme.</p> <p>Career Mentor Scheme.</p>	<p>In 2015 (the most recent graduation cohort), 89 per cent of students on our economics degrees graduated with at least an upper second-class degree, well above the national average of 74 per cent (source: Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2015). 31 per cent achieved a first-class degree</p>	<p><b>Our graduates have gone on to work for organisations including:</b> Aston Martin, Goldman Sachs, House of Commons, British Red Cross, L'Oréal.</p> <p><b>Examples of our graduates' job roles include:</b> Management Consultant, Graduate Buyer, Analyst, Marketing Executive, Trainee Secondary School Teacher.</p> <p>E-mentoring Careers Service</p> <p>Student Skills Development Team</p> <p>MyAdvantage</p> <p>Warwick Skills Portfolio Award</p> <p>Spring – Personal Development Programme for Female Students.</p>	<p>Graduates of our courses are highly successful in securing quality jobs. The problem-solving nature of the subject, the highly relevant and applied focus of our courses, as well as the potential for experience gained from your Professional Training placement greatly appeals to employers.</p> <p>Our recent graduates from the School of Economics have entered roles such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant, Ernst &amp; Young</li> <li>• Analyst, Bank of England</li> <li>• Financial Crime Associate, Deloitte</li> <li>• Assistant Economist, Home Office</li> <li>• Data Analyst, Nexmo</li> <li>• Technical Business Analyst, Acturis Ltd</li> <li>• Telecom Analyst, Eftel.</li> </ul> <p>Personal Tutor</p> <p>Careers Service</p>	<p>93.3% of undergraduates from the School of Economics had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £29,568 with the highest being £55,000.*</p> <p>The School of Economics ranked 2nd in the UK for boosting graduate salaries, with graduates earning an average of £8,810 more than expected five years after graduation.**</p> <p>*Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.</p> <p>** <i>The Economist British university rankings, 2017.</i></p> <p>Careers Service</p> <p>Dedicated first year module</p>	<p><b>Of those students that left in 2015:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 88% are in employment or further study</li> </ul> <p><b>Of those in employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 100% are in graduate level employment</li> <li>- Median salary £30,300</li> </ul> <p>(Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey of 2014/15 graduates. The DLHE survey asks leavers from higher education what they are doing six months after graduation. Full definitions for the DLHE Record can be found here: <a href="http://www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations">www.hesa.ac.uk/support/definitions/destinations</a>)</p>
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