

Economics [A-Level] AQA



Subject Overview

Develop an understanding of economic concepts and theories through the study of current economic issues, problems and institutions. A-Level Economics builds the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions.

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Subject Information -

Component	Weighting	Title	Details
Paper 1	33.% - 80 marks	Markets and market failures	Exam (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A - data response questions requiring written answers, choice of one from two contexts worth 40 marks• Section B - essay questions requiring written answers, choice of one from three
Paper 2	33.% - 80 marks	National and international economy	Exam (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A - data response questions requiring written answers, choice of one from two contexts worth 40 marks• Section B - essay questions requiring written answers, choice of one from three
Paper 3	33.% - 80 marks	Economic principles and issues	Externally Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A – multiple choice questions worth 30 marks• Section B: case study questions requiring written answers, worth 50 marks

What opportunities this course could lead to:

A financial analyst, banker, wealth manager, stockbroker, accountant, international trade specialist, political risk analyst or a consultant; these are just a few of the exciting careers a degree in Economics could lead to. Economic recovery is probably the most pressing and urgent challenge of the current university generation. A degree in Economics will give you the unique tools to take on this challenge, find a solution, and improve well-being. Economics is a highly regarded subject by Russell Group Universities and skills gained are highly valued by local, national and international government organisations, public and private banks, insurance companies, think-tanks, large multinational companies, financial consultancies, accountancy firms and local authorities.

You will have access to workshops in investment banking, to put theory into practice, and see how the stock market works. We often invite guest speakers in to sixth form. Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures held by bodies such as the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Course requirements:

Students must have **5 or more GCSE passes**, including **English** and **Mathematics**, grade **5** or **B** to study A levels.

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Useful websites:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136>

<https://www.economist.com>

<http://www.economicsuk.com/blog>

<https://www.ft.com>

https://www.gov.uk/search/research-and-statistics?content_store_document_type=upcoming_statistics

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>