



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

MSc

Economics

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

12 months

Apply by: **28 August 2026**

Starts on: **21 September 2026**

About this course

The MSc Economics offers you rigorous training in economic theory and the analytical methods needed to answer the pressing economic questions facing the world. With a strong emphasis on technical skills, the programme teaches you how to model economic issues, conduct rigorous empirical analyses, and discuss their work with diverse audiences.

Introduction

The modules in this programme cover a wide range of fields within economics, allowing students to study many of the current issues facing the world economy. These include Brexit and rising trade barriers, money and banking, economic inequality, global climate change, and health and social care.

The MSc Economics is embedded in the rapidly growing [Economics group](#) at the Management School. An important feature of our programme is the course modules are taught by world-class researchers who have published in the leading academic journals on the very topics they teach. Many of our faculty also maintain close relationships with businesses, governments, and non-profit organisations, connecting their research to real-world impact.

The MSc Economics is an excellent opportunity for students who wish to pursue a career requiring a sophisticated understanding of the economy and acquired state-of-the-art analytical skills, such as in global industry, banking and finance, or government organisations. It is also well suited for students who wish to continue a

professional research career, for instance working within international organisations or research institutes.

Who is this course for?

Ideal for graduates from any discipline and professionals aiming to advance in economics roles across various sectors, including government, finance, and international organisations. The programme is designed to enhance your analytical, quantitative, and policy analysis skills.

What you'll learn

- Economic theory and applied data analysis
 - How to tackle real-world problems by applying microeconomic and macroeconomic models
 - Econometrics
 - Programming
 - Data visualisation
 - Machine learning
 - Practical applications in international trade, public policy, financial markets, and business strategy
 - Hands-on experience working with large datasets
 - Applying economic thinking to policy evaluation and consulting-style challenges.
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Accreditation

The University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to hold the gold standard 'triple-crown' accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

Accreditation in detail

AACSB

AACSB Accreditation Standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. This achievement means that the Management School meets specific standards of excellence. It also means it's committed to on-going improvement in delivering high quality education.

AMBA

[AMBA](#) is the highest standard of achievement in postgraduate business education. MBA students and graduates, business schools and employers all recognise it as a gold standard. AMBA's rigorous criteria and assessment process ensure that only programmes that demonstrate the highest standards in teaching, learning and curriculum design; career development and employability; and student, alumni and employer interaction achieve accreditation.

EQUIS

The School is also accredited by [EQUIS](#), which is the leading international system of quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration. Institutions that are accredited by EQUIS must demonstrate not only high general quality in all dimensions of their activities, but also a high degree of internationalisation and corporate connections.

Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Semester one

The programme consists of three compulsory modules and five optional modules, followed by a dissertation carried out over the summer period upon completion of Semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>ECONOMETRIC AND STATISTICAL METHODS (ECON814)</u>	15
<u>MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS (ECON905)</u>	15
<u>MICROECONOMIC ANALYSIS (ECON915)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCE (ECON704)</u>	15
<u>GAME THEORY WITH APPLICATIONS (ECON813)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Semester two

The programme consists of three compulsory modules and five optional modules, followed by a dissertation carried out over the summer period upon completion of

Semester two.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
<u>APPLIED MACROECONOMETRICS (ECON920)</u>	15
<u>APPLIED MICROECONOMETRICS (ECON826)</u>	15
<u>MACHINE LEARNING AND BIG DATA ECONOMETRICS (ECON701)</u>	15
<u>TOPICS IN MONEY AND BANKING (ECON916)</u>	15
<u>CURRENT TOPICS IN ECONOMICS (ECON827)</u>	15
<u>LABOUR ECONOMICS (ECON702)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC ECONOMICS (ECON703)</u>	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Final project

The programme consists of three compulsory modules and five optional modules, followed by a dissertation carried out over the summer period upon completion of Semester two.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>DISSERTATION (ECON912)</u>	60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Modules are taught using the latest active learning techniques including real-world case studies, social media, lecture capture and real-time financial and business data using our Bloomberg trading floor.

The principal forms of teaching are face-to-face lectures and seminars with lectures normally being supported by material such as hand-outs and presentations. Seminars give the opportunity for detailed discussion of a topic under the direction of a tutor. You are normally expected to prepare work in advance for seminars and may be expected to present work or give presentations.

In addition, this course offers an enhanced programme of events and activities such as coding bootcamps and guest speakers.

Following semester two you will complete a dissertation the support of an academic supervisor.

Teaching time will account for an average of 10 hours per week and you should anticipate an additional 30 hours of self-directed study and group work.

How you're assessed

In semester one and two, you will take modules totalling 120 credits. The dissertation completed during the summer period is worth 60 credits and students will be supported by their academic supervisor.

Students are required to complete 180 credits to achieve a full MSc.

Subject to meeting specific criteria outlined by the University, students will graduate with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment tasks are varied and some may be designed specifically to meet the learning outcomes of a particular programme of study, but students can expect to be assessed via coursework, essay, group work, presentations, case studies, negotiation exercises, reports and examinations. The weighting of individual components will vary from one module to another. All assessment information is included within the module specification.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

The Management School's master's programmes have been designed from the ground up to prepare you for success in your chosen career. We have close ties with local, national and international organisations and constantly review the content of our programmes to meet the demands of top graduate employers.

You will have access to a specialist, in-house [postgraduate careers team](#) and have access to one-to-one careers guidance, workshops, seminars, and employability initiatives.

This programme has been designed to prepare students for a research-oriented career in the financial industry, international organisations, central banks, academia and research institutions.

During the year, you can take part in dedicated skills and employability days including coding bootcamps in R and python to allow you to reach software fluency and allow you to excel at any task in the workplace.

The School will also host an event for data scientists from industry and the civil service to talk to you and give an insight into the career possibilities open to you.

Within 12 months of graduation, 80% of graduates are employed in high skilled roles such as Market Analyst, Corporate Accountant, and Consultant Economist. Employers include Maldives Monetary Authority, Bank of England, and Seadrill. Employment locations include London, Liverpool, UK-wide, India, and Bangladesh. Additionally, some graduates choose to continue their education, with 2 graduates recently pursuing further study.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £13,500

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £28,500

Fees stated are for the 2025/26 academic year. Tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be announced soon.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Economics or a closely related discipline with a quantitative focus.

Students with a 2:2 degree from a quantitative Science discipline (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Operations Research) are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants should have competency in A level Mathematics/Statistics or equivalent.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our entry requirements. Completing your Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), means you're guaranteed a place on your chosen course.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0

TOEFL iBT

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 19, writing 19, reading 19 and speaking 20. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with writing not less than 125, speaking and reading not less than 115, and listening not below 110. For academic year 2025/26 only, we will also accept the production, literacy, comprehension and conversation score set: 120 overall, with no component below 105.

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 65

PSI Skills for English

B2 Pass with Merit in all bands

INDIA Standard XII

National Curriculum (CBSE/ISC) – 75% and above in English. Accepted State Boards – 80% and above in English.

WAEC

C6 or above

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 6.0	6 weeks	On campus
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available
6.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no more than one component below 5.0, and no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no	40 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
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component below 4.0

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, for further details.

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