Degree options in the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

MA or BSc (Single Honours Degrees)

- Economics
- Financial Economics

BA (International Honours Degree)

- Economics (See page 45)

MA or BSc (Joint Honours Degrees)

Economics and one of:

- Geography
- Psychology
- Management
- Statistics
- Mathematics

MA (Joint Honours Degrees)

Economics and one of:

- Ancient History
- Mediaeval History
- Biblical Studies
- Middle East Studies
- English
- Modern History
- French
- Persian
- Film Studies
- Philosophy
- German
- Russian
- International Relations
- Social Anthropology
- Italian
- Spanish

BSc (Joint Honours Degrees)

Economics and one of:

- Biology
- Computer Science
- Management Science

MA “With” Degree

Honours in which the majority of the course deals with the first-named subject:

- Economics with German
- Economics with Russian
- Economics with Social Anthropology
- Economics with Spanish

** Available With Integrated Year Abroad – see Modern Languages.

Entrance Requirements

Obtaining the following grades will not guarantee you a place as we consider all aspects of every application, including the Personal Statement.

SQA Highers: AAAB**
GCE A-Levels: AAA**

International Baccalaureate Points: 38

** For BSc degrees – at least two Highers or one A-Level must include Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science or equivalent, Geography, Geology, Physics, Psychology.

For full Faculty Entrance Requirements, see page 53.

For degrees combining more than one subject, the subject with the higher Entrance Requirements determines the grades you need. You will also need to meet any further subject-specific Entrance Requirements as outlined on their pages.

For further country-specific qualifications and pre-degree foundation programmes see:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/international

Do I need previous knowledge of this subject?
– No, but mathematical ability is an advantage.

General Enquiries

UK/EU: student.recruitment@st-andrews.ac.uk
Rest of the World: international@st-andrews.ac.uk

Features

- We provide a structured, cumulative and rigorous foundation of economic concepts, principles, analysis, techniques and knowledge.
- We have specialist strengths in macroeconomics, choice theory, bounded rationality, game theory, expectations and learning, competition and innovation and climate change.
- More than 80% of the research output by staff in the School has been rated as internationally excellent and / or world-leading in the recent Research Excellence Framework 2014 – this was above the average for all Economics Departments in the UK. On the basis of the quality of its research publications the School came second in Scotland and joint-tenth in the UK.
- We help you develop your analytical and decision-making abilities by providing training in quantitative and model-based methods of analysis.
- Our programmes provide you with a wide range of transferable skills.
- The students run an active Economics Society.
If you wish to specialise in finance you can take modules in Portfolio Management, Asset Pricing and Corporate Finance, in order to graduate with a degree in Financial Economics. You also have the opportunity to undertake independent study and research in a dissertation. Further details of the degree structure and a list of current Honours modules are available here: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue

Study abroad
You may apply to study abroad under the University’s St Andrews Abroad programme. See page 46.

Typical class sizes and teaching information
First Year: lectures 320 - 360, tutorials 15 - 22
Second Year: lectures 220 - 250, tutorials 14 - 20
Honours: lectures 20 - 110, tutorials 11 - 15

First and second year modules generally involve a series of lectures, laboratories and tutorials, the latter in smaller groups to facilitate effective interaction.

Single Honours students typically attend seven to eight lectures and one to two tutorials or labs each week. Joint Honours students typically attend three to four lectures a week and also have tutorials in most weeks.

Typical methods of assessment
Progress is monitored through tutorial assignments and assessment is by a combination of graded work and examinations. Almost all our modules are assessed by at least 50% written examinations, with the balance of assessment made up by coursework.

Careers
Popular career choices amongst recent graduates include: investment, commercial and international banking, accountancy, consultancy, management in the industrial and commercial sectors, organisations such as the Bank of England and the World Bank, the Civil Service, university research and teaching, and the media.

You will find St Andrews Economics graduates at renowned financial institutions such as Accenture, Ernst & Young, JP Morgan, Barclays Capital, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, HSBC and Lloyds, to name but a few. Further information: http://bit.ly/sta-economics-careers

See also page 36 for details of the University’s Careers Centre.