ECONOMICS AT A GLANCE

TAUGHT BY EXPERTS
RESEARCH-LED TEACHING

WIDE CHOICE OF OPTIONS — TAILORED TO YOU

PERSONALISED PLACEMENTS
DEVELOPED FOR YOU BY OUR OWN PLACEMENT OFFICER

EXCEPTIONALLY EMPLOYABLE
RATED 14TH IN THE COUNTRY FOR EMPLOYABILITY

UNIVERSITY OF READING
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

UNDERGRADUATE
UNLOCK THE FUTURE

Addressing business and societal challenges; learning to generate and manage prosperity and well-being.

WHY ECONOMICS AT READING?

Economics offers a key to understanding the 21st-century world. Understanding economic processes is crucial to national and international prosperity and well-being, to business success and effective policy making. Our economics programmes at Reading equip you to analyse the issues that dominate the news and think in an informed way about the problems facing society.

TEACHING

Teaching is by academic specialists, most of whom are leading researchers on the subjects they teach. This brings cutting-edge research into your everyday university experience and offers an insight into the real world of economic analysis.

You will study 3 or 4 modules per term, each having 2-3 hours per week contact time. This is usually a combination of lectures and tutorials (or seminars). In addition staff are available outside lectures and classes for consultation and there is a range of additional maths support. Examinations are by cumulative assessment, typically comprising 40% by coursework and 60% by examination.

Beyond the taught part of the course, there is an active student-run Economics Society which organizes events such as a lecture series given by invited speakers, a weekly conversations-group where students and staff explore the latest issues in world news, economics research seminars, policy in practice seminars and a range of academic and employability related activities.

EMPLOYABILITY

Economics allows among the best opportunities for graduate-level employment. The Department is ranked 14th in the 2015 CUG league table with some 93% of graduates in employment or further study 6 months after graduation (DLHE 2012). Employability is enhanced by our placement scheme, which offers - usually paid - placements tailored to individual aims and objectives, for-credit placement opportunities, Departmental internship and research opportunities also exist.
All our programmes develop your writing and presentation skills and your ability to think innovatively. They all allow you to take optional modules from within the department and from other departments in each year, including - among others - Environmental Economics, the Economics of Social Policy, Urban and Regional Economics, Money and Banking, International Political Economy, European Economic Integration, and a range of economic history options.

We also offer a range of joint degree programmes, please contact the collaborating department – Politics & International Relations, Geography, Mathematics, Accounting, Philosophy, History, French, German and Italian.

### OUR COURSES

**BA Economics L101**
Applying key economic concepts and tools to the analysis of UK and European economic systems, economic institutions and economic policy making. Developing the theoretical and practical and data-handling skills needed to conduct economic analysis of markets, business and society in the private and public sectors.

**BSc Economics L100**
Focussing on economic theory, its applications and mathematical methods of analysis. Economic policy and analysis modules explore the application of economic theory to societal and policy questions and challenges.

**BSc Business Economics L113**
Using economic theory and methods to investigate markets, business environments and industry. Core economic theory and its applications concentrating on the business world and policy issues.

**BSc Economics and Econometrics L140**
Exploring and interpreting economic data using economic theory and sophisticated econometric techniques.

**BSc Economics and Finance LN13**
Covering economics, finance and banking. In-depth treatment of the structures and pricing of financial markets, using the many facilities of the ICMA Centre, including its simulated trading room and financial data feeds.
'When it came to interviews, my time at Reading stood me in very good stead. Employers were impressed not only with the very varied work in my portfolio but also with my ability to talk through ideas and think on my feet.'

Sam Reed
BA Economics