

Studying at Warwick

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Studying in the UK

- Popular with Malaysian students!
 - 487 in 2011/12 just at Warwick
- A mix of old and new
 - Some universities are 800 years old!
- A worldwide reputation
- Courses can be shorter than elsewhere
- Strong career prospects

What should you consider?

- What can the university offer you?
- Accommodation?
- Town or Country?
- Sports? Music?
- Placement Year
- Internship
- Course content
 - Very important!

What about Warwick?

- Founded in 1964
- A centre of academic excellence
 - Top 10 UK university
- Campus environment
 - Largest SU in UK
 - Accommodation within walking distance
- Career prospects
 - Top companies recruit heavily

Surrounding area

- Warwick is located just outside Coventry
- A short bus ride from other towns
 - Leamington Spa
 - Warwick
 - Stratford-upon-Avon
- Only 30 minutes from Birmingham
- Only 1hr by train from London

What can we offer?

- Wide ranging study
 - Arts / Humanities
 - Social Sciences
 - Science and Engineering
 - Medicine (Graduate entry only)
- Vibrant social life!
 - Warwick Arts Centre
 - Sports and societies

How do I apply?

- Through UCAS
- Research your course on the website
 - <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/study>
- Departments will take some time to read your application!
 - Please be patient!
 - Direct queries to ugadmissions@warwick.ac.uk

Entry Requirements

- Most applicants for undergraduate study offer A-levels or the IB
- A level offers range from A*AAB - BBB
- IB offers range from 34-39 points depending on subject applied for
- Some programmes have specific subject requirements – subject mix important!

English Language

- IELTS
 - Faculty of Arts ; 6.5
 - Faculty of Science ; 6.0
 - Psychology, MORSE, MMORSE ; 6.5
 - Faculty of Social Studies ; 7.0
- IGCSE
 - English as a first language
 - Grade C or above

Studying Economics

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What is Economics?

- A way of thinking
 - Not just a set of rules or graphs
 - The process can be more important than the outcome!
- You will learn technical skills
 - Maths, Econometrics, Game Theory
- You will learn to apply Economics as a type of “science” anywhere in “society”

Courses

- The Department of Economics offers 3 undergraduate courses
 - **L100** Economics
 - **L112** BSc Economics and Industrial Organization (EIO)
 - **LLD2** BSc/BA Economics, Politics and International Studies (EPAIS)
- We also administer PPE, but admissions are handled separately

Admissions

- We receive approximately 1600 OS applications
 - Making approximately 1000 offers
 - Which typically converts to 160 starters
- There are not separate targets for each course
- The admissions standards for each course are equal

Standard Offers

- A Level
 - A*AAB / A*AAa
 - For L100 and L112, we require a minimum of Grade A in Maths
- IB
 - 38 points
 - For L100 and L112 we require a grade 6 in Higher Level Maths
- Economics is not a required subject!

Course Structure L100

- First year
 - Maths based
 - Though not the study of Maths
 - 80% Core Modules
 - Including 20% Maths & Stats techniques
 - 20% Optional Modules
 - Including modules in Analysis and Linear Algebra run by the Economics Department
 - A “Qualifying” year

L100

- Second Year
 - 75% Core Modules
 - Including 25% Econometrics
 - 25% Optional Modules
 - Including Mathematical Economics
 - Including many WBS modules
 - Including other “approved” modules
 - Counts for 50% of the final degree classification

L100

- Third Year
 - 25% Core Dissertation
 - Typically using applied techniques from second year Econometrics
 - 75% Optional modules
 - Including further Mathematical Economics, Econometrics, Financial Economics
 - Other approved modules from WBS
 - Counts for 50% of the final degree classification

Required Skills

- Students will need to
 - Solve mathematical problems
 - Write analytical, objective essays
 - The University offers “how to write a Warwick essay” courses
 - Research and read in their own time
 - Especially for the 3rd year dissertation, and 2nd year Econometrics projects
 - Contribute to and present group projects
 - Engage with a very broad range of topics

What do we provide?

- Key areas of Economics
 - Micro, Macro, Economic History, etc.
- Core skills
 - Maths, Econometrics, Game theory, etc.
- Teaching you to *think like an economist*
- A mix of large and small group teaching
- Regular access to a personal tutor
- Regular assessments and feedback
- High quality support network

Outside the department?

- Student run societies and events
 - Warwick Economics Summit
 - Now running for 10 years and is superb
 - Warwick Economics Society
 - ‘Assumptions’ magazine
 - Warwick International Development Society and Summit
 - Warwick Entrepreneurs
 - Warwick Emerging Markets Forum

What we look for in an application

- As well as a researcher in behavioural and experimental economics..
- Also an admissions tutor for overseas students!
 - Part of a team who read over your UCAS applications
- What can set you apart?

Academic Record

- We are primarily interested in your academic ability
 - GCSE / IGCSE performance
 - AS Level
 - Predicted A2 Level
- We admit the very best students from across the world
 - A large amount are from Malaysia!

Academic Record

- Highlight your strengths
 - Tell me what you enjoy studying
- Also take some time to explain noticeable weaknesses
 - Are you improving in a certain area?
 - Did you have an illness for a particular exam?
 - Or other specific circumstances
- Maybe apply using Warwick AWARDS

Preferred Subjects

- We require Maths at Grade A, or a 6 at Higher Level Maths, for Economics and Economics and Industrial Organisation
 - We don't require Further Maths
 - We don't “prefer” Further Maths!
- You don't need to have studied Economics
 - We treat it similar to Further Maths, Physics, History, Languages etc.

Personal Statement

- What makes a good personal statement?
 - Honesty!
- An ability to discuss economics
 - Why the subject appeals to you
 - Why it matches your strengths
 - Why you would be a good student

Personal Statement

- Books you might have read
 - Avoid just “naming names”
- Maybe link to a topic of economics you are interested in
 - Why you enjoyed the book
 - What you learnt
 - What you would like to learn more about

Personal Statement

- Relevant work experience
 - Not essential
- Again linked to why you took on a particular role
 - What you learnt
 - How this informs your interest in economics
 - Maybe a career you are interested in?
 - Further study also

School Report

- We need to see information on all your subjects
- Honest appraisal of your strengths and weaknesses
- Sometimes we will rely more on a school report and sometimes on a personal statement

What we don't like!

- We don't like bad writing!
 - Make your statement easy to read
 - Good spelling
 - Laid out in sensible sections
- We don't like missing information
 - Make sure all academic info is included
 - All your modules and marks (where possible)
 - Explain things which aren't obvious

What we don't like!

- We don't like people “trying too hard”
 - Be engaging and interesting
 - Don't try to be overly impressive or ambitious
 - Don't make me wonder if you are being honest or not!
- We don't like unnecessary information
 - I don't need your life story!
 - Keep it simple and concise

If you are interested....

- Warwick offers lots of courses which involve economics
 - Economics, Economics and Industrial Organisation, Economics Politics and International Studies
 - Visit go.warwick.ac.uk/study or go.warwick.ac.uk/economics for more info
 - Warwick Economics is Top 5 in the UK
 - 3rd in The Times for 2013
 - 4th in The Complete University Guide for 2013

Q&A

- If you have any further questions, you can post them on the **Official Warwick Economics Q&A Thread** on
 - **The Student Room** forum
 - www.thestudentroom.co.uk
 - Forums
 - Economics / University of Warwick
 - You can read our FAQ's and questions by other applicants and students