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Introducing the Department of Economics



Our degree programmes

We offer seven taught MSc postgraduate degrees in economics: MSc Business Analysis and Economics; MSc Development Economics; MSc Economics; MSc Economics and Health Economics; MSc Financial Economics; MSc Money, Banking and Finance; MSc Int Finance and Economics. These degrees offer a comprehensive programme of postgraduate training and research in economics that suit a range of requirements and provide the flexibility for students to develop their own interests. We also offer two research degrees: MPhil and PhD. Details about research degrees in economics at the University of Sheffield are available in a specialist booklet and on-line at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics

International students

The Department of Economics is currently host to approximately 35 postgraduate overseas students from countries including China, France, Greece, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, and Taiwan, just to name a few.

Academic support

The department provides the teaching and supervision for the MSc programmes. The programmes also draw upon specialist academic staff from other disciplines within the University, and upon the Department's specialist support staff.

Our research

The department has a strong research base. Research interests include development economics; economics of education; health economics; industrial economics; international economics and finance; labour economics, and political economy. Strong links with the University's Political Economy Research Centre (PERC) have also been established.

The ESRC awarded the department a "1+3" recognition for postgraduate training. All research training in the department (Masters and PhD) has formal recognition from the Economics and Social Research Council (ESRC). The ESRC is the main UK government supported research funding and training agency addressing economic and social concerns. ESRC recognition for our research training is a quality assurance procedure which ensures that students receive high quality training, supervision and support in an active research environment.

Academic resources

Taught postgraduate students have their own computer laboratories, additional to the University's facilities housed in the department. In-house support and training services are provided. Supported software includes Microsoft Office, Eviews, Microfit, Maple, SPSS, and STATA, while further specialist software is available via the University network. In addition to PCs, the network provides access to the University's UNIX computers and to the regional super-computer. The University also provides a comprehensive range of other computer services, e.g. library catalogues, CD-ROM databases and the World Wide Web.

The library system covers all the subjects taught in the University and has over a million books and periodicals; it also provides on-line access to electronic versions of a very large number of journals. The University is opening an Information Commons with 24/7 access to computer facilities and key teaching materials. This will open in late spring/early summer 2007.

Sheffield and the University

The city

Sheffield is an important industrial centre as well as a popular tourist and conference centre. In addition to steel and cutlery making for which it is world famous, there are large firms in food manufacture, engineering and hand tools. The city offers its inhabitants and visitors alike a wide variety of cultural and recreational pursuits. There are theatres, major art galleries, concert halls staging international classical and popular events, numerous cinemas, night-clubs and restaurants, parks and gardens, as well as international sporting facilities at the Don Valley Stadium and Ponds Forge. Moreover, Sheffield is surrounded by the spectacular countryside of the Peak District National Park, a favourite venue for hill and rock climbers, walkers and pot-holers.

Easy to reach

Sheffield's central location means it is within easy reach of many parts of the UK. Airports including Manchester, Leeds/Bradford, Nottingham East Midlands, and Doncaster Robin Hood Airport are all within a one hour journey. The city is well served by national road and rail networks and has excellent local transport. The University campus is on the western edge of the city centre and is easy to get to by car, bus and tram.

The University

We are one of Britain's leading institutions of higher education, currently ranked 69 in the *'Academic Ranking of World Universities 2006'* published by the Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The University of Sheffield has over 25,000 students, of which 3,500 are overseas students from over 100 countries. The University has over 2000 postgraduate students. The range of subjects covered by the University's 70 departments and research centres is wide. In addition to the usual pure and applied sciences, arts, social sciences and law, there is a large Medical School and a School of Architecture. *The Virgin 2007 Alternative Guide to British Universities* says that "Sheffield is a top university across the board".

Our campus and facilities

The University is a short walk from the city centre and close to the main student residential areas. The Students' Union building and the Octagon Centre at the University provide cafeterias and bars, shops, a cinema, music and games rooms, a bank, a travel bureau, meeting rooms and concert halls. In 2004 Sheffield University Students' Union was voted the best in the country. Over 150 different societies provide the means for students to make contact with those sharing common interests. Membership of the Union entitles you to discounts on trains, the Sheffield Supertram network, buses and numerous shops and places of entertainment throughout Sheffield and the UK. There is also very good provision for leisure activities in the Students' Union and for sporting activities. The University's Sports Centre is located within a few minutes' walk of the central University area and provides an indoor sports centre (with a swimming pool, gymnasium, weights room and squash courts), a small sports field, two all-weather practice pitches and tennis courts.



MSc degrees

MSc in Business Analysis and Economics

The MSc Business Analysis and Economics is specifically designed for those students who wish to develop and apply their skills as economists in the areas of business and management, or want to continue to a research degree. The modules on this degree programme reflect the Department's expertise and research interests in the analysis of labour markets and industrial economics.

MSc in Development Economics

This degree applies basic economic principles to the study of global development and policy-making in developing countries. It is rigorous in its exposition yet links in a practical way to the problems of poverty, globalisation, gender, conflict, security and institutional design encountered in development policy-making.

It is suitable for practitioners in international financial institutions, non-governmental organisations and governments in developing countries as well as those intending to pursue careers in academic and research institutions.



Programme structures

MSc in Business Analysis and Economics

Students are required to take 6 core and 2 optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Modern Finance
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core modules

- Industrial Organisation
- Labour Market Analysis

Optional modules (choose 2)

- Applied Macroeconometrics
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Development Finance
- Asset Pricing
- International Money and Finance
- Mathematical Methods for Economics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc in Development Economics

Students are required to take 6 core and 2 optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Development Economics
- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core modules

- Development Finance
- International Money and Finance

Optional modules (choose 2)

- Applied Macroeconometrics
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Asset Pricing
- Industrial Organisation
- Labour Market Analysis
- Mathematical Methods for Economics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc in Economics

This degree is geared towards students who wish to follow a masters programme in Economics with the intention of pursuing a career as an economist in commerce, government or academia. It is a general economics degree designed to allow graduates to pursue a wide range of careers in economics or to continue to a research degree.

The programme structure emphasises the development of the skills required by modern economists. The core modules provide the advanced skills in economic analysis and quantitative techniques, whereas the optional modules allow the student to tailor the degree to their own needs and interests.

MSc in Economics and Health Economics

This MSc programme is run jointly with the School of Health and Related Research at the University of Sheffield. It is aimed at students who wish to pursue careers as applied economists in the health sector and at those who wish to continue with academic research.

The programme emphasises the development of the advanced analytical and technical capabilities required for applied economics, and how these skills can be used to address the important issues and problems involved in allocating resources in the health sector. This emphasis is achieved through first semester economics modules, followed by second semester development and application of these skills.

This is the only programme in the UK to offer the Medical Research Council (MRC) Advanced Course Masters studentship. Currently the fund covers 2 students per year and will be available for the 2007/08 and 2008/09 intake. The studentship covers the UK fee, and a standard research council stipend. Eligibility is set by the MRC and the applicant should be a UK or EU citizen who has been living in the UK for 3 consecutive years prior to the start of the course. More information is available at:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/news/20060209.html

Programme structures

MSc in Economics

Students are required to take 4 core and 4 optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Optional modules (choose 1)

- Development Economics
- Health Economics
- Modern Finance
- Modern Theory of Banking and Finance

Semester 2

Core module (choose at least 1 of the following modules, the remaining module may be taken as an option)

- Applied Macroeconometrics
- Applied Microeconometrics

Optional module (choose 3)

- Development Finance
- Asset Pricing
- Industrial Organisation
- International Money and Finance
- Labour Market Analysis
- Mathematical Methods for Economics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc in Economics and Health Economics

Students are required to take all of the following core modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Health Economics
- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core modules

- Economic Evaluation of Health*
- Public Sector Economics
- Quantitative Methods in Health Economics*
- Research Methods in Health*

*Economic Evaluation of Health, Quantitative Methods in Health Economics and Research Methods in Health are modules based in the School of Health and Related Research. Further information about these modules and about ScHARR can be found on their website page:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/~scharr/

MSc in Financial Economics

This is an applied economics degree geared towards students who wish to pursue careers as economists in commerce, financial institutions and markets, government or academia. The degree is sufficiently general as to allow graduates to pursue a wide range of careers in economics or to continue to a research degree.

The programme structure emphasises the development of the skills required by applied economists. This is achieved through the core modules in economic analysis, finance and quantitative techniques. The optional modules are designed to allow the student to further develop their own areas of interest.

MSc in Money, Banking and Finance

This is also an applied economics degree geared towards students who wish to pursue careers in financial institutions and markets. However, it does not preclude students from other careers in economics or continuing to a research degree.

The programme structure emphasises the development of the skills required by economists in modern financial institutions. It includes therefore core courses in economics, finance, financial institutions and markets and quantitative techniques. The optional modules are designed to allow the student to develop their own areas of interest.



Programme structures

MSc in Financial Economics

Students are required to take 5 core and 3 optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Modern Finance
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core module

- Asset Pricing

Optional modules (choose 3)

- Applied Macroeconometrics
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Development Finance
- Industrial Organisation
- International Money and Finance
- Labour Market Analysis
- Mathematical Methods for Economics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc in Money, Banking and Finance

Students are required to take 6 core and 2 optional modules.

Semester 1

Core modules

- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Modern Finance
- Modern Theory of Banking and Finance
- Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core modules

- Asset Pricing
- International Money and Finance

Optional modules (choose 2)

- Applied Macroeconometrics
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Development Finance
- Industrial Organisation
- Labour Market Analysis
- Mathematical Methods for Economics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc International Finance and Economics

New for 2007

The MSc in International Finance and Economics will be of interest to those students wishing to understand the functioning of the international economy and the operation of financial markets. The degree is designed to provide students with the skills to work as economists in the area of international finance, or to continue to a research degree. The modules on this degree programme reflect the Department's expertise and research interests in international banking and finance and macroeconomics.

Programme structure

Students are required to take 7 core and 1 optional module.

Semester 1

Core modules

Macroeconomic Analysis
Modern Finance
Modern Theory of Banking and Finance
Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Semester 2

Core modules

Applied Macroeconometrics
Development Finance
International Money and Finance

Optional modules (choose one)

Asset Pricing
Industrial Organisation
Labour Market Analysis
Applied Microeconometrics
Mathematical Methods for Economics
Public Sector Economics





Postgraduate modules

The following outlines relate to the modules currently offered by the Department of Economics. The Department regularly reviews modules and there may be changes between the date of publication and the time when the student embarks upon the degree programme.

Applied Macroeconometrics

This module introduces to students' the key econometric techniques commonly used to analyse macroeconomic and financial data by scholars and market analysts. It explores the statistical issues raised by testing relevant theories with predominately time series data and introduces students to recent innovations in analytical methods. The module is taught through assignments working with real world data and is based upon models and examples drawn from the relevant scholarly literature. Throughout the module students will extensively use STATA and Eviews econometric software.

Applied Microeconometrics

This module provides students with practical experience of applying standard microeconomic techniques to large sample surveys, focusing upon interpretation of results from different estimation procedures. In particular topics covered will give students: a familiarity with cross sectional econometrics, including topics such as simultaneous equation estimation and using instrumental variables; knowledge of panel data techniques; an introduction to non parametric and semi parametric econometrics. Throughout the module students will extensively use STATA econometric software.

Asset Pricing

The aim of this module is to introduce the advanced principles of asset pricing in finance. This is an analytical module, which reflects the quantitative nature of the subject and in which each topic is developed from first principles. The module will cover both the theoretical foundations of asset pricing, the issues that arise in the practical use of these models and their limitations. The module is assessed by formal examination and a coursework essay, the latter giving students the opportunity to investigate an issue of importance from either a theoretical or empirical standpoint.

Development Economics

This module aims to provide a rigorous application of the principles of economic theory, with a significant quantitative component, to the problems of developing countries and global development, in a manner that will give students a preparation for careers in research and policy analysis. On completion of the module students will have: an understanding of how the economies of developing countries function and can be influenced by policy and institutional reform, conveyed at three levels: a grasp of the main factors determining the wealth and poverty of nations; the ability to analyse market structure and behaviour, both urban and rural, in developing countries; an array of problem-solving techniques designed to improve the operation of markets and economies as a whole.

Development Finance

This module aims to develop the skills necessary to analyse the main sources of financing for development and the manner in which they may optimally contribute to the development process. This module will explore the changing pattern of development finance: global capital flows and their interrelationship; international capital markets, instability and possible counter-measures. This module will also cover public sector finance; patterns of government sector financing; efficiency, equity and stabilisation issues in LDC tax policy; new tax sources; tax revenue, aid and governance; user charges; optimal fiscal policy. The module will also review private sector finance: the banking and company sector in LDCs; patterns of corporate finance; relationship between global bond and equity markets; finance for the SME sector; microfinancial services. Finally, the model will analyse the interlinkage between public and private finance: problems posed by the weakness of the private sector (Africa and S. Asia); international organisations, structural adjustment and financial-sector reform 1980-2000.

Health Economics

This module addresses economic issues concerning health and health care. The market for health care fails to satisfy most of the key conditions of a perfect market, leading to an efficiency-based justification for government intervention. At the same time, health can be regarded as a special commodity, because it is fundamental to individual well-being and flourishing, which may give an equity-based justification for government intervention. The aim of the module is to examine these justifications, and to see the role played by two different normative approaches (welfarist and non-welfarist) to the problem.

Industrial Organisation

This module provides an understanding of the structure, operation and performance of modern organisations and industries and develops a knowledge of the contemporary methods for analysing modern organisation and industries. On completion of this module, students are able to evaluate the strategic behaviour of modern industries and organisations, and to analyse the key issues concerning contemporary industries and organisations. Industrial Organisation is a research based module that requires students to read published work and to produce assignments that require research and use of appropriate computer skills.

International Money and Finance

We focus on macroeconomic and monetary relations between countries, particularly the twin issues of exchange rates and the balance of payments. This module reviews the main theories of exchange rate determination and tests of these theories, and provides accounts of the operation of international financial markets and country experiences in adjustment to external payments imbalances. The coursework assignment gives students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to examples of their choice.

Labour Market Analysis

Labour Market Analysis introduces students to topical issues in labour economics. In particular, the module addresses a number of questions. For example, how do individuals decide how much labour to supply? What is the optimal amount of education decided by the individual and how does this affect life time earnings? Are firms willing to pay above market clearing wages in order to illicit greater worker effort and gain higher productivity? This module also investigates how trade union bargaining influences wages and employment. Other topics include how globalisation (including aspects such as technological change and immigration) has impacted upon the labour market, particularly in relation to skill structures.

Macroeconomic Analysis

Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole. This module is designed to introduce students to the tools and the techniques to address some of the most important questions that are the focus of research in macroeconomics. The module takes a broad view of the subject and invests time in economic growth, short-run fluctuations, behaviour of consumption and investment, macroeconomic policy and unemployment. Within each topic major issues and competing theories are presented. Furthermore, empirical methods to test various hypotheses are discussed as each topic is covered. On completing the module students are expected to acquire an understanding of the formal techniques used by macroeconomists and to gain insight into important issues.

Mathematical Methods for Economics

This module introduces students to those areas of mathematics that are commonly used in economic analysis. The first part of the module covers static optimization with particular emphasis on classical mathematical programming. Economic applications focus in particular on problems in general equilibrium analysis. The second part of the module covers dynamic analysis, concentrating on linear and non-linear differential equations and dynamic optimization. Applications will include examples from macroeconomics, economic growth, economics of natural resources and political business cycle theory.

Microeconomic Analysis

Microeconomics is concerned with the behaviour of individuals, households and firms, and their interactions. The aim of this module is to develop the skills required to analyse and critically evaluate microeconomic issues and theories and to provide an introduction to recent developments in advanced microeconomic analysis. Topics covered include: consumer theory; decision-making under uncertainty and insurance; the theory of the firm; static and dynamic analysis of imperfect competition; principal agent theory and effort elicitation; and the analysis of competitive general equilibrium models.

Modern Finance

The aim of this module is to introduce some of the main principles of modern finance. This is an analytical module which reflects the quantitative nature of the subject and each topic is developed from first principles. The topics covered include: the time value of money and its applications; risk return and diversification; introduction to portfolio selection; the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) and its use; the efficient markets hypothesis and an introduction to the role of utility theory in finance. The coursework essay gives students the opportunity to investigate an issue of importance from either a theoretical or empirical standpoint.

Modern Theory of Banking and Finance

This module is designed to introduce students to concepts associated with money, financial institutions, monetary policy and the economy. Particular attention will be paid to the role of money and interest rates in the economy and how they are interconnected to determine monetary policy. Students will analyse the UK banking system including how it currently works. The module also explores the role of information in determining the equilibrium rate of return for an asset, the concept of market efficiency, information asymmetries and their implications for moral hazard and adverse selection problems. This module emphasises both theoretical and practical considerations. On completing this module, students will acquire a working knowledge of lexicon, theory, and tools associated with monetary theory and understand of how the economy and financial markets fit together.

Public Sector Economics

Public sector economics is concerned with the application of economic analysis to issues faced by public sector decision-makers. The module aims to develop an appreciation of the role of the public sector in a market orientated economy and experience in the application of economic analysis to public sector problems. On completion of this module students will have; a comprehensive understanding of the causes of market failure in a market orientated economy and the problems involved in dealing with them; an understanding of the nature of the problems faced by decision-makers in the public sector; critical awareness of decision-making processes in the public sector; the ability to understand and critically assess recent contributions to this literature.

Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

This module will provide grounding in mathematical techniques essential to postgraduate learning – in particular multivariate calculus, constrained optimisation and matrix algebra. The remainder of the module introduces the student to econometric techniques covering elements such as the classical linear regression model, hypothesis testing and problems of non-spherical disturbances. More advanced topics are also considered specifically modelling discrete dependent variables. Knowledge of using specialist econometric software STATA is also developed.



Programme structure and assessment

The MSc degrees are modular. Students are required to complete 8 taught modules over two semesters, each semester lasts for fifteen weeks. The Autumn semester commences in September and ends in January, the Spring semester starts in February and ends in June. In each semester students are required to take 4 modules, which are formally examined during the final three weeks of the semester. In addition, students are required to complete a dissertation during a 3 month period following the second semester from July to September. The award of an MSc degree requires a student to accumulate a minimum of 180 credits, of which 120 credits can be earned from taught courses and 60 credits from a dissertation. All taught modules have a credit rating of 15, which is awarded when the student gains a pass for that module.

Assessment of most modules is by a combination of coursework and formal examination. The coursework element is module specific and may consist of projects, essays, data collection and interpretation and/or other exercises. Candidates must pass the taught stage in order to proceed to the dissertation.

On successful completion of the taught part of the course, each candidate for an MSc degree is required to produce a dissertation no longer than 15,000 words. This is based on a piece of research on an approved topic of the student's choice related to the course and selected in consultation with tutors. Normally this involves the equivalent of at least three months' full-time study. A member of academic staff will supervise each student over this period. A pass mark must be achieved at the dissertation stage for the award of an MSc. Recent dissertation titles include:

- 'Seasonality in Common Stock Returns: Evidence in China's Stock Markets'.
- 'The Internationalization of Chinese Enterprises: An Event Study Analysis of Haier and Lenovo's Recent Developments'.
- 'Has Microfinance Been Successful as a Pro-poor Policy in the Development of Poor Women in Bangladesh'.
- 'Volatility in the Indian Stock Market'.
- 'Earnings, Education and Hiring Practices – An Econometric Analysis of UK Data'.

Candidates may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma for successful completion of the taught modules and are not required to produce a dissertation. A candidate who fails to complete a satisfactory dissertation may also be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.

Part-time students

Students who wish to take an MSc programme on a part-time basis may spread the taught part of the course over two years, taking two modules in each semester.



“Life in Sheffield is fun, with plenty to do. In fact I enjoyed my undergraduate studies in Sheffield so much, that I decided to stay here in order to do my MSc in Economics.”

Justin Abdy

BSc, MSc Economics graduate



Staff

Professor Sarah Brown

Professor of Economics, and Head of the Department of Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Microeconomic Analysis

Research: Applied Microeconometrics; Labour Economics; Economics of Education

Professor Mustafa Caglayan

Professor of Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Macroeconomic Analysis, Modern Theory of Banking and Finance

Research: Macroeconomics; International Finance; Applied Econometrics

Professor Andrew Dickerson

Professor of Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Labour Market Analysis

Research: Labour Economics; Economics of Education and Training; Productivity

Dr Michael Dietrich

Senior Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Industrial Organisation

Research: The Political Economy of the Firm and Organisation; Institutional Economics; Economics and Business Strategy

Dr Indranil Dutta

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Dissertation supervision

Research: Development Economics; Welfare Economics; Applied Game Theory

Dr Monica Hernandez

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Micro/Macroeconometrics

Research: Microeconometrics; Applied Welfare Economics

Dr Pamela Lenton

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Dissertation supervision

Research: Economics of Education; Microfinance

Dr Joanne Lindley

Senior Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Microeconometrics

Research: Labour Market Discrimination; Economics of Immigration

Dr Simona Mateut

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Modern Theory of Banking and Finance

Research: Monetary Policy Transmission; Economics of Transition

Dr Jolian McHardy

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Mathematical Methods for Economics

Research: Industrial Economics; Economics of Migration; Economics of Regulation; Transport Economics

Dr Steven McIntosh

Reader in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Dissertation supervision

Research: Labour Economics; Economics of Education

Professor Paul Mosley

Professor of Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Development Economics; Development Finance

Research: Development Economics; Welfare State and Poverty

Dr Jonathan Perraton

Senior Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: International Money and Finance

Research: Economic Globalisation; Political Economy; Economic Growth

Dr Gurleen Popli

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Micro/Macroeconometrics

Research: Applied Macroeconomics; Labour Economics

Professor Jennifer Roberts (joint appointment with School of Health and Related Research)

Professor of Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Quantitative Methods for Health Economics

Research: Health Economics; Labour Economics; Microeconometrics

Dr Abrar Suleiman

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Development Economics

Research: Development Economics; Agricultural Economics

Dr Iona Tarrant

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Public Sector Economics

Research: Welfare Economics; Public Goods

Dr Karl Taylor

Reader in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Quantitative Methods and Econometrics

Research: Labour Economics; Microeconometrics

Dr Aki Tsuchiya

Reader in Economics and Health Economics (joint appointment with School of Health and Related Research)

Postgraduate Teaching: Health Economics

Research: Health Economics; Welfare Economics

Dr Tarja Viitanen

Lecturer in Economics

Postgraduate Teaching: Public Sector Economics

Research: Labour Economics; Microeconometrics; Public Economics

“All the staff are approachable, offering constructive advice when needed, and keen to listen to your own opinions. As a result, I always felt treated as a valued member of the team.”

Jamie Gascoigne

BA, MSc and PhD in Economics

Jamie is now working for Ninah in London
as an Econometric Consultant

Entry requirements

MSc degree

Entry requirements are based on a candidate's academic record and experience. The usual minimum academic qualifications are an upper second-class degree from a United Kingdom university, or an approved overseas qualification. Candidates must have a strong background in economics. Conditional offers are made to candidates awaiting results.

Advanced Certificate in Economics

For well-qualified applicants who have a limited background in economics we offer a one-year Advanced Certificate in Economics. Candidates who obtain an average of 60 per cent on this course can then proceed onto our MSc programme. See our website for further details about this course:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/economics/prospectivetpg/certificate

or contact the department for a brochure.

Standard UK qualification	2.1
<i>Equivalent overseas qualifications:</i>	
Australia	2.1
Bangladesh	1st
Botswana	1st
Brazil	7/10
Canada	3/4
China	80%
Croatia	3.5/4
Cyprus	6.5/10
Denmark	9/13
Egypt/Ethiopia	3.0/4
France	14/20
Germany	-2/5
Ghana	2.1
Greece	6.5/10
Hong Kong	2.1
India	1st
Indonesia	3.0/4
Japan	80%
Jordan	3/4
Kenya	2.1
Korea	3/4.5
Libya	70%
Malaysia	2.1
Mexico	7.5/10
Netherlands	9/10
Nigeria	2.1
Oman	3.3/4
Pakistan	1st
Russia	4/5
Saudi Arabia	V.Good
South Africa	2.1
Spain	9/10
Taiwan	70%
Thailand	3/4
Turkey	3/4
USA	3/4
Vietnam	7.5/10
Zambia	75%
Zimbabwe	2.1

If your country of study is not listed opposite please contact m.economics@sheffield.ac.uk for further info.

English Language requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English AND who do not hold a degree from an English-speaking university are required to take the International English Language Testing Service test (IELTS). Applicants must PASS Module C of the Reading and Writing subtests. An alternative to this is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) together with the Test of Written English (TWE), which must be taken as a separate part of the TOEFL test. The test scores currently required are 6.5 for IELTS, or 575 for the paper based TOEFL plus a score of 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE), or 232 for the computer based TOEFL, or 90 in the Internet based TOEFL. At most centres these tests are conducted frequently. Conditional offers may be made to applicants awaiting tests and/or results.

The English Language Teaching Centre

The University of Sheffield run English courses for those students not meeting our entry requirements and can also provide a testing service (USEPT). Please contact them directly for further information.

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How to apply

Enquiries about the MSc degrees, and requests for application forms, should be sent to:

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Two references are required before a decision can be made about your application. A Referee Report form is attached to the application form for you to pass on to your referees. Applicants will be required to provide details of their qualifications and a transcript of their grades.

You can apply for a postgraduate taught course in three ways:

- Using the online application form.
- By downloading the application forms.
- By ordering a prospectus, which includes an application form.

Applying online

This is the recommended method. It is fastest and you can be sure your application won't get lost in the post.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/apply/pgcourse.html

Please note, if you apply on-line your application form will not be considered until your references and transcripts have also been sent to the University. You can send these to the e-mail address opposite.



Useful contact information

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Tel: 0114 222 1405 / 1406

Fax: 0114 222 1415

www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught

To:

- Order a University prospectus.
- Request an application form.
- Ask for a pack of information relating to registration and University Health requirements.
- Enquire about formal offer letters.
- Ask who pays at overseas rate.

International Office

8 Palmerston Road
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- Visas.
- Scholarships.
- Visits to your region.

Accommodation & Campus Services

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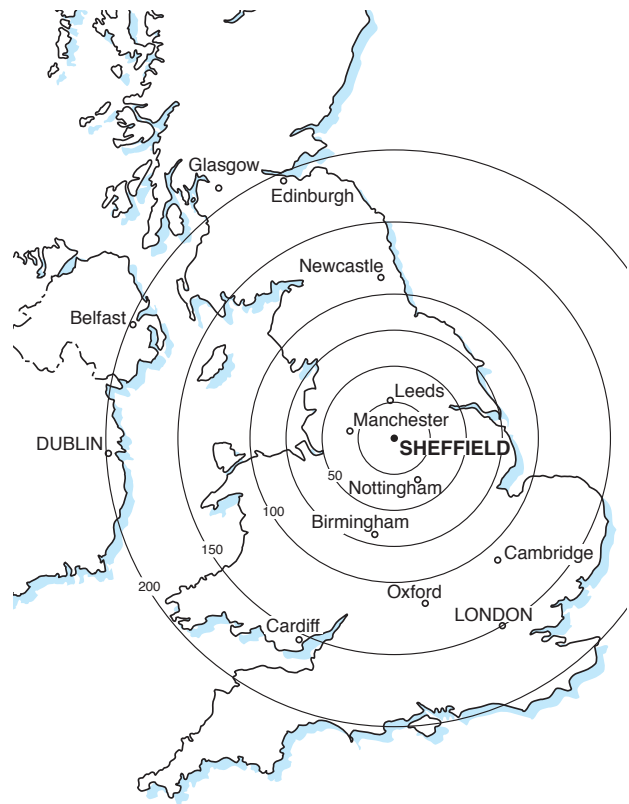
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