

BSc Economics

CAO Code: **MH415** | CAO Points 2021: **New** degree in 2022

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CAO Points 2021: New degree

CAO Points Range 2020: N/A

Places 2022: 20

Duration: 3 years

Erasmus/Study Abroad Option: Yes - subject to availability

Mature Applicants: See p. 208

UK, EU & International Applicants: See p. 214

QQI Link: No

Leaving Certificate: 2H5 & 4O6/H7, Irish, English & O1/H5 Mathematics

You do NOT need have taken Leaving Certificate Economics to study MH415.

- > **Are you an analytical person with a passion to tackle pressing socioeconomic challenges such as poverty, unemployment, financial instability, gender and racial inequality and the effects of climate change?**
- > **As a BSc Economics student, you will learn to take a scientific evidence-based approach to understand, critique and create policies to combat economic and social problems.**
- > **Employers in all sectors from government to financial services have a growing need for economists who can analyse and interpret data. This requires a strong grounding in analytical and quantitative methods beyond the Economics core in the Maynooth Bachelor of Arts programme (MH101).**
- > **With an emphasis on independent research, the programme is designed to allow you to flourish based on your individual curiosity and strengths.**
- > **From BSc Economics, you can automatically continue with the MSc Economics Programme should you perform at the required level - 55% overall in your degree.**

Why choose this degree?

- > From day one, you will have an academic advisor to guide you throughout your studies to help reach your potential.
- > From the very first year you learn how to do independent research, not just consume knowledge created by others. You will be able to take modules from a variety of disciplines such as Sociology, Geography, Law and Statistics. This allows you to develop synergies in your own research.
- > You will have the guidance of our postgraduate alumni mentors who hold influential positions outside of academia.
- > In the third year, you will be given guidance for your BSc thesis, jointly with the MSc students, on research and presentation skills. This will allow a smooth transition to the postgraduate level.

Options after graduation?

- > As a BSc Economics graduate, you will have the tools to become a key player in business and in public policy. You will have wide career choices as a consultant, fund manager, investment banker, urban planner, journalist, teacher, policy maker as well as many other areas.
- > Upon graduation, you will have the option of progressing to the MSc Economics at Maynooth. This will provide further job opportunities for professional economists including, but not limited to, economics consultancy firms, policy institutes, the Central Bank, and the Department of Finance.
- > As well as offering an integrated route into our MSc Economics, the programme provides strong foundations should you choose to pursue a master's in a variety of areas such as finance, business, international development, public policy, public administration and data science.
- > According to statistics reported by *Forbes*, on average economics degree holders are very well paid compared to nearly every other field. *PayScale* documents substantial wage growth over the first ten years of work life, almost doubling the entry pay level.

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Course structure

1st year

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Information Economics, Econometrics I (Statistics for Economists).

In addition, you will take a research skills module titled 'Exploring Economics'.

2nd year

Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Econometrics II, History of Economic Thought, Statistical Computing with R, Corporate Finance, Advanced Quantitative Methods.

In addition, you will earn credits for the 'BSc Team Project'.

3rd year

Advanced Microeconomics (Game Theory) and Macroeconomics, Applied Econometrics.

And you will undertake the year-long BSc Economics Thesis.

Possible optional modules

1st year

You will take two 15-credit subjects (typically two modules in each subject) outside of Economics - at most one from each group.

The available groups to choose your two subjects from are groups 1, 3 (excluding Maths Studies) or 5. Critical Skills is also an option.

At the end of first year, should you change your mind and find your calling in one of the fields listed above, you can switch to MH101 BA Arts without any credit deficit and keep Economics as a major/minor subject.

2nd year & 3rd year

In the second and third year combined, you will take eight to eleven optional Economics modules: Money and Banking, Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Crime, International Macroeconomics, International Trade, Economics of Sports, Health Economics, Economics of the EU, Competition and Regulation, Economics of Work and Life Decisions.

You can take up to three optional modules outside of Economics from a wide selection of disciplines. The list of modules includes but is not limited to Developmental Geography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Science, Introduction to Life Philosophy, Anti-racism, Regional Planning and Development, Irish Politics & Society, Fixed Income Markets, Experimental and Computational Mathematics.