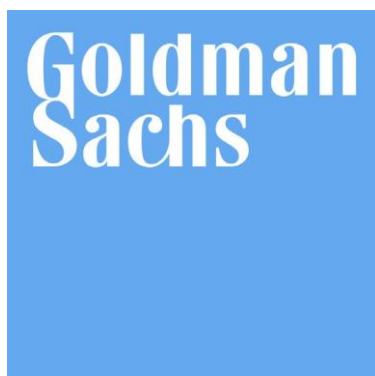




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ECONOMICS CAREERS

1. Professional economist
2. Government Economics Service
3. Economic analyst
4. Economic or financial journalism
5. Insurance and re-insurance
6. Investment Banking
7. Stock Broker
8. Accounting
9. Business Management
10. Prime Minister/Chancellor of the Exchequer

Economics degrees have a good reputation and are popular amongst employers because graduates are numerate, with good problem solving skills.

WHERE TO FIND ECONOMIST JOB ADVERTS

- Broadsheet daily and Sunday Newspapers, particularly the Financial Times
- The Economist magazine
- Large employers of economists: Government Departments and the Bank of England

ECONOMICS DEGREES

Subjects to study at A Level:

Maths, Economics (if maths not taken at A Level, then some degrees require an A at Maths GCSE)

Wider reading:

News websites, the Economist magazine and Financial Times. An ability to discuss current economic issues, both in the UK and globally is essential.

Top Universities:

Over 90 UK universities offer Economics. The top 10 UK Universities for Economics according to the Complete University Guide are:

1. Cambridge
2. London School of Economics (LSE)
3. Oxford
4. Warwick
5. University College London (UCL)
6. Nottingham
7. Bristol
8. Bath
9. Durham
10. Exeter

(check UCAS website for entry requirements for these universities: www.ucas.com)

Useful websites:

- The society of Business Economists - www.sbe.co.uk
- The Royal Economic Society - www.res.org.uk

TOP TIP

You can also take Economics with a wide variety of other subjects, and entry requirements are often lower e.g. at LSE Economics entry requirements are: A*AA (A* must be in Maths A Level), but for a BSc Environmental Policy with Economics entry requirements are AAB (A must be achieved in Maths).

Other interesting information:

According to the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) for 2013, 73% of UK applicants who study economics at UK universities under the age of 21 were males. If you include international applicants the gender imbalance is much lower.

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

According to the good universities guide:

The average graduate starting salary for an Economics graduate in 2006 was £29,368, ranking 6th (1st place was taken by Dentistry with £30,681). They also found that 53% of Economics graduates went into a professional occupation (such as accounting) and 19% continued in post-graduate education.

Internships and Work Experience:

Gumtree recently completed a poll of employers with the results showing that work experience makes you 95% more employable. In addition, two thirds of employers think candidates with work experience are more knowledgeable, 44% think they are more confident and 40% say they are more committed.

Useful websites for Economics related work placements and internships:

1. <http://studyingeconomics.ac.uk/during-your-study/work-experience/places-for-economists/>
2. www.inspiringinterns.com
3. www.graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk
4. www.milkround.com
5. www.interwise.co.uk
6. www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office/about/recruitment
7. www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/CareersAndVacancies/careersService/Internships/Home.aspx
8. www.ratemyplacement.co.uk
9. www.civilservice.gov.uk/networks/ges/student-placements
10. www.prospects.ac.uk/options_economics.htm

CELEBRITIES WHO STUDIED ECONOMICS

Cate Blanchett / Kofi Annan / Ed Miliband / Mark Carney / Arnold Schwarzenegger / David Cameron / Lionel Richie / David Attenborough / Evan Davis / Warren Buffet / Mervyn King / Steve Ballmer / Vince Cable / Mick Jagger / George Soros.

