Economics

The Economics course at Cambridge provides a sound understanding of core, pure and applied economics. However, while you study economics in considerable depth in this specialised degree, you employ ideas and techniques from many other disciplines too, including history, sociology, mathematics and statistics, and politics. Therefore, our graduates are extremely well qualified for a wide range of jobs and further courses.

Economics at Peterhouse

Peterhouse has one Fellow, Dr Solomos Solomou, and one Bye-Fellow, Dr Robert Ritz, in Economics.

Course requirements

All applicants for Economics will be expected to be taking Mathematics up to A level. Further Maths is encouraged wherever possible, and Economics (or Business Studies if Economics is not available) is advantageous. History or Geography can also be useful third subjects.

The application process

All applicants for Economics across the University will be asked to sit a pre-interview written assessment at their school, college or local testing centre on 4th November. These will form part of our holistic assessment of candidates' achievements, abilities and potential and are no more, and no less important than any of the other pieces of information considered during the admissions process. Registration for this assessment closes on 15th October. Further information can be found on the University website.

We ask all our Economics applicants to send us one example of recent written work. Candidates taking subjects which do not involve essay writing - mathematics and some of the sciences, for instance - should contact us for further advice. Candidates can usually expect one interview of 30 minutes with the Director of Studies and an Admissions Tutor.

Typical conditional offers

Our typical conditional offer for Economics is A*A*A at A level. IB offers are usually for a minimum of 40-42 points, to include 776 or 777 at Higher Level in relevant subjects. Offers are designed to be realistic, taking into account individual circumstances, and to reflect potential and likely levels of achievement. Most of those who receive offers will attain the grades required.