BA (Hons) Economics (Combined) **Definitive Programme Document**



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Overview

Awarding institution	Bath Spa University
Teaching institution	Bath Spa University
School	Bath Business School
Main campus	Newton Park
Other sites of delivery	N/A

Other Schools involved in delivery	N/A
Name of award(s)	Economics
Qualification (final award)	BA (Hons)
Intermediate awards available	CertHE, DipHE, BA
Routes available	Joint
Professional Placement Year	Optional
Duration of award	3 years full-time; 4 years full time with Professional Placement Year
Modes of delivery offered	Campus based
Regulatory Scheme[1]	Undergraduate Academic Framework
Exemptions from regulations/framework[2]	Undergraduate Academic Framework
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body accreditation	Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) (These only apply for Business and Management and Economics students who choose Optional modules in Accounting or Marketing)
Date of most recent PSRB approval (month and year)	CIM – January 2023 CIMA – October 2016
Renewal of PSRB approval due (month and year)	CIM – December 2023 CIMA – July 2021
UCAS code	Institution Code: B20 Business and Management and Economics - BE12 and BE13 Economics and Law - BE10 and BE11

	Business and Management Joint Honours
Route code (SITS)	Economics Joint Honours
	Law Joint Honours
Relevant QAA Subject Benchmark	Business and Management Benchmark Statement (2019)
Statements (including date of publication)	Economics (2019)
	Law (2019)
Date of most recent approval	June 2023
Date specification last updated	January 2025

Exemptions

Programme/Pathway	Regulations/Framework	Brief description of variance	Approving body and date
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^[1] This should also be read in conjunction with the University's Qualifications Framework

^[2] See section on 'Exemptions'

Economics (Combined)	Academic Framework, paragraph 2.2.5, "dissertation and dissertation preparation modules must not be identified as 'Core' where a subject is delivered jointly. Such modules may be 'Required' for single honours and 'Required*' for joint."	ECN6000-40 Economics Project is Core and therefore needs to be taken by all Economics Joint Honours students. N.B. neither the Business & Management nor the Law dissertations are available for Economics (Combined) students to take.	
Economics and Business and Management Joint	Undergraduate Academic Framework, paragraph 2.2.4, "Students on Joint Honours have the same opportunity as those on Single Honours awards to take a 20-credit module at each of levels 5 and 6 outside of their degree subjects. Thus, students on Joint Honours at each of levels 5 and 6 can potentially take 60 credits in both subjects; or 80 credits in one subject and 40 credits in the other subject, 40 credits in the other subject and a 20-credit elective."	Joint Economics and Business and Management Students have to take 80 Economics credits and 40 Business and Management credits at level 6.	Curriculum Committee 14/06/2023
	Undergraduate Academic Framework, 2.2.6: "20 credits of Required/Core (and no more) must be provided from each subject per semester at Levels 5 and 6."	Economics and Business and Management Joint students are required to take both BMA6105-20 and BMA6116-20 in Semester 1 at Level 6.	

Programme Overview

Economics at its core is the study of how individuals, businesses, governments, and nations choose to allocate scarce resources. Throughout history, social and political trends have influenced the approaches taken to solving the problem of resource allocation, creating a variety of economic perspectives. This Economics undergraduate programme aims to introduce you to the main neoclassical economic theories, as well as a wide range of different perspectives, to help you create your own understanding of the reasons behind current economic, political, legal and business decisions that affect us all.

The course places a strong emphasis on creative and collaborative problem solving through indepth research into current events and gives you the opportunity to critically analyse the major challenges we face at local, national and global levels. Students will be taught how to design and implement their own empirical research projects, evaluating the reliability of different sources of information, analysing data and presenting results to a wide audience.

These in class and group projects which will help you develop the skills and knowledge to build a successful career in a range of industries depending on your choices. You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable professional experience through a range of flexible work placement options.

Economics is currently only available as a joint honours subject, combined with either Business and Management or Law.

Programme Aims

The aims of this programme are to:

- 1. Promote creative and collaborative exploration of a wide range of knowledge in the areas of economics, business management and law.
- 2. Equip you with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make connections between the economic, business and legal concepts that underpin our world
- 3. Encourage flexible, sceptical and inquiring thinking which leads to the development of confident, self-reliant, lifelong learners ready to challenge the world around us
- 4. Develop technical skills and critical thinking abilities related to the use of data in economic research
- 5. To create opportunities in which academic skills, knowledge and experience can be applied to practical projects, and then enhanced through the further development of professional practice, techniques and approaches;

6. Develop understanding of the nature of the global forces which shape contemporary decision making - economic, political, regulatory, legal, social, ethical, ecological, and technological.

Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

A Subject-Specific Skills and Knowledge

	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)	On Achieving Level 5	On Achieving Level 4	
A1	On Achieving Level 6 Economics theory: to critically analyse the key economic systems that govern our world based on extended practical and academic research	Economics theory: to appraise the efficiency of the key economic systems that govern our world	Economics theory: to understand the key economic systems that govern our world	
A2	Analysis: able to use the key concepts to generate original insights into real issue	Analysis: able to use the key concepts to identify alternative approaches to real issues	Analysis: able to recognise the diversity of thought in the key concepts taught	
A3	Perspectives: actively search for the different perspectives to key concepts and incorporating these in their analysis	Perspectives: adapt own thinking to creatively solve case studies and problems	Perspectives: engage with a range of perspectives	
A4	Contextualising: able to fully apply key economic concepts in business and law contexts	Contextualising: appraise the key economic concepts in business and law contexts	Contextualising: understand key economic concepts in business and law contexts	

	Abstracting: simplify theoretical	Abstracting: to separate	Abstracting: to engage
Λ5	concepts and use them in a	economic theories from	with the key economic
AJ	critical analysis of real world	their real world effects and	concepts on a theoretical
	scenarios	begin evaluating them	level

B Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) On Achieving Level 6	On Achieving Level 5	On Achieving Level 4
B1	Critical thinking: critically analyse economic phenomena and the impact of legal, social, ethical and business perspectives on it	Critical thinking: appraise economic phenomena and the impact of legal, social, ethical and business perspectives on it	Critical thinking: identify economic phenomena and the impact of legal, social, ethical and business perspectives on it
B2	Numeracy: able to interpret and critically evaluate empirical research in economics, including the validity and reliability of data sources, the appropriateness of statistical methods used, and the robustness of results	Numeracy: able to collect, manipulate, analyse and interpret different types of economic data and use a statistical software to produce own findings	Numeracy: able to identify and explain different types of economic data and their sources
В3	Communication: communicate outcomes to to both specialist and non-specialist audiences, and explain complex economic concepts in a clear and concise manner	Communication: communicate outcomes, both written and verbal, and explain complex economic concepts when applied to real life situations	Communication: communicate outcomes accurately and reliably, with structured and coherent arguments
B4	Research: able to locate, evaluate, and synthesise information from a variety of sources; present valid findings in written and oral formats to a wide audience, without bias	Research: able to locate, evaluate, and synthesise information from a variety of sources; present valid findings in written and oral formats	Research: able to locate, evaluate, and synthesise information from a variety of sources; present findings in written format

C Skills for Life and Work

	Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)	On achieving Level 5 you will be able to:	On achieving Level 4 you will be able to:
	On achieving Level 6 you will be able to:		
	Work Independently	Work Independently	Work
C1	Exercise initiative, independence and	Exercise independence and	Independently
	personal responsibility to manage your own learning and time.	personal responsibility to manage your own learning and time.	Manage your own learning and time.
	Work with Others	Work with Others	Work with Others
C2	Work collaboratively with others to achieve individual and common goals, solve problems creatively and build interpersonal relationships to flourish in a global workplace.	Work collaboratively with others to achieve individual and common goals, solve problems creatively.	Work collaboratively with others.
	Communicate with Impact	Communicate with Impact	Communicate with Impact
C3	Communicate clearly, effectively and impactfully with specialist and non-specialist audiences.	Communicate clearly and effectively with others.	Communicate accurately and reliably with others.
	Demonstrate Digital Fluency	Demonstrate Digital Fluency	Demonstrate Digital Fluency
C4	Use digital skills productively, critically and ethically to enhance creativity and communication.	Use digital skills productively, critically and ethically.	Use digital skills productively.

Programme Content

This programme comprises the following modules

Key:

Core = C

Required = R

Required* = R^*

Optional = O

Not available for this status = N/A

If a particular status is greyed out, it is not offered for this programme.

Subject offered as a combined award

	BA (Hons) Economics (Combined)			Status	
Level	Code	Title	Credits	Single	Joint
4	ECN4000-20	Economic Foundations	20		С
4	ECN4001-20	Economic Principles	20		C
4	ECN4002-20	Methods for Economic Analysis	20		C
5	ECN5000-20	Economic Perspectives	20		С
5	ECN5001-20	Economic Policy	20		С
5	ECN5100-20	Applying Economics	20		О
5	BMA5120-20	Work Placement	20		O
5	PPY5100-120	Professional Placement Year	120		О
6	ECN6000-40	Economics Project	40		С
6	BMA6105-20	Managing Sustainability	20		R*

6 ECN6100-20 Advanced Economics Issues	20		R	
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^{*}students on combination with Business and Management can only choose BMA5120 and BMA6116 once; you cannot choose the same module for both programmes.

Assessment Methods

A range of summative assessment tasks will be used to test the Intended Learning Outcomes in each module. These are indicated in the attached assessment map which shows which tasks are used in which modules.

Students will be supported in their development towards summative assessment by appropriate formative exercises.

<u>Please note</u>: if you choose an optional module from outside this programme, you may be required to undertake a summative assessment task that does not appear in the assessment grid here in order to pass that module.

Work Experience and Placement Opportunities

To give yourself an opportunity to apply your learning in a professional context you are encouraged to try a period of work experience. This will give you the chance to transfer the application of skills and knowledge from the safety of the classroom into industry. There are different optional opportunities available to you based on the Joint programme you choose.

- 1. The Level 5 'Work Placement' open module run by both the Business and Management and the Law programmes offers comprehensive support to gain a short work experience opportunity and 20 credits towards your second year.
- 2.Professional Placement Year extended period of work experience (at least nine months) for which 120 Level 5 'placement' credits can be obtained.

^{*}BMA6105 is only Required for students on the Business and Management Joint Honours.

This is an option for part of your programme to obtain and complete work experience with an approved employer. This period will be completed after Level 5 and before Level 6 and will run from September/October to June/July. Towards the end of the first year there will be a meeting arranged to explain the Professional Placement Year process. Details will be sent to all Level 4 students. The core modules at Level 5 will provide time and guidance for you to apply and prepare for the full-length placement. You will be supported with tutorials and timetabled sessions.

3.The Level 6 'Business Placement' module makes provision for a shorter, 10-week, placement in industry. This period will be completed after Level 5 and before Level 6 (i.e., through the Summer), but the 20 credits will be part of your third year.

Based on the modules you choose, you will have opportunities to engage in projects with real businesses, policy-makers and non-profit organisations. In addition, you will be encouraged in the Level 6 required module 'Economics Project' to engage in research relating to a real current event thus enabling you to gain both academic research and practical work engagement skills.

Table of Additional Costs

Module Code & Title	Type of Cost	Cost

Graduate Attributes

Graduate Attribute	While at Bath Spa, I will develop my ability to:	This programme will help me to do this through:
Confidently Self- Aware	Reflect on and recognise my unique skills, strengths, and values and be able to apply and articulate them in a range of different contexts.	Students are encouraged and supported in finding topics in Economics that they are passionate about. They can customise assessments to match their chosen research area, and are encouraged to share it with the class in the weekly research workshops. Students are given opportunities to develop skills in their chosen areas as well as general ones that help develop own confidence.

Emotionally Attuned	Be mindful of how my actions and emotions impact those around me so I can better navigate difficult situations and build effective interpersonal relationships.	Students will have many opportunities to collaborate and develop their soft skills in casual and professional settings. Assessments will also require reflection on own experiences interreacting with others from different political, economic and cultural backgrounds, to develop empathy and respectful communication.
Inclusive Collaborator	Contribute independently to collaborative projects while working effectively with others, valuing diversity and respecting individual differences.	Students will hone the necessary skills for working collaboratively and effectively with others in group settings as they research topics, prepare presentations, videos or podcasts, and engage in debates.
Adaptable Innovator	Embrace challenges, taking risks where needed and applying individual and collective problem solving.	Students will have the opportunity to creatively solve problems – suggesting new policy directions, innovating business solutions and adapting to seeing new ways of doing things – in different class projects and debates. Students will learn about, and be able to practice, a number of innovative thinking techniques.
Critical Thinker	Keep an open mind, ask curious questions and think creatively to gain a deeper and broader understanding of global perspectives and the world around me.	Students are supported in taking responsibility for their own learning and encouraged to be curious about the world and their community. The decolonised curriculum of this programme is designed to help students question long-held beliefs about economics and develop well-considered arguments about current events.
Forward Thinker	Set goals, plan ahead and utilise resources to support my personal ambitions and achieve my own version of success.	Students are encouraged to consider their future from day one, and employability skills are embedded in the curriculum. Students are taught to use industry standard software e.g. the Office and Adobe suites, are encouraged to take up work placement opportunities, to attend guest lectures and networking events, and are supported to open their own business start-ups if desired.

Ethical Leader	Act with empathy, making decisions grounded in ethical principles while advocating for sustainability and positive social change.	Students explore issues of sustainability, ethical policy-making, economic justice and social inequality in classes and projects. Learning how to communicate these issues to a wide audience and advocate for change are important skills to develop. Assessments written on this topic will contribute to the overall portfolio of work students can show future employers.
Responsible Self- Starter	Be accountable for my actions and decisions while demonstrating creativity, proactivity, and a focus on solutions.	Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning by researching areas of particular interest to themselves, taking advantage of the extensive further reading lists, seeking out additional opportunities for networking and upskilling and joining the university's library and careers events.
Compassionately Resilient	Respond to setbacks with a reflective and positive attitude, flexibility and a self-caring approach.	Students are offered formative opportunities to receive feedback on their assessments, allowing them to reflect on improvements, adapt and grow, and overcome setbacks positively.
Digitally Resourceful	Utilise and responsibly leverage existing and emerging technologies to solve problems and communicate.	Students engage in the use of a range of digital tools across the programme: in lectures and seminars, assessment, and upskilling sessions with guest lecturers. Using digital tools to present your ideas to a wide audience is an important skill to learn, in any industry students decide to join upon graduating.

Modifications

Module-level modifications

Code	Title	LINIATHE OF	Date(s) of approval and approving bodies	Date modification comes into effect

Programme-level modifications

Nature of modification	Date(s) of approval and approving bodies	Date modification comes into effect
BMA5117-20 Applying Economics renamed to ECN5100-20 Applying Economics	Curriculum Approval Panel December 2024	September 2025
BMA6116-20 Advanced Economics Issues renamed to ECN6100-20 Advanced Economics Issues	Curriculum Approval Panel December 2024	September 2025

Attached as Appendices

- 1. Programme structure diagram
- 2. Map of module outcomes to level/programme outcomes
- 3. Map of Summative Tasks by Module
- 4. Module descriptors

Appendix 1: Programme Structure Diagram – BA (Hons) Economics (Combined)

Joint Honours: BA (Hons) Economics (Combined)	
Level 4	
Semester 1 Semester 2	

Core Modules		
ECN4000-20 Economic Foundations	ECN4001-20 Economic Principles	
	ECN4002-20 Methods for Economic Analysis	
Rule Notes: N/A		
L	evel 5	
Core Modules		
ECN5000-20 Economic Perspectives	ECN5001-20 Economic Policy	
Option	al Modules	
	ECN5100-20 Applying Economics	
	BMA5120-20 Work Placement	
Optional: PPY5100-120	Professional Placement Year	
L	evel 6	
Core	Modules	
	ECN6000-40 Economics Project	
Required Modules		
ECN6100-20 Advanced Economic Issues		
Required* Modules		
BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability		
Rule Notes: BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability is only required for Economics and Business and Management Joint Honours, it is optional for students on Economics and Law Joint Honours.		

Joint Honours: BA (Hons) Economics and Business Management		
Level 4		
Semester 1 Semester 2		
Core Modules		
Economics:		
ECN4000-20 Economic Foundations ECN4001-20 Economic Principles		

	ECN4002-20 Methods for Economic Analysis	
Business and Management:		
BMA4000-20 The Business Environment	BMA4001-20 Organisational Behaviour and Management	
Required M	lodules	
BMA4005-20 Professional Practice		
Rule Notes: N/A		
Level	5	
Core Moo	lules	
Economics:		
ECN5000-20 Economic Perspectives	ECN5001-20 Economic Policy	
Business and Management:		
BMA5000-20 Creativity for Business	BMA5108-20 International Business	
Optional M	odules	
Economics:		
	ECN5100-20 Applying Economics	
	BMA5120-20 Work Placement	
From Other Programmes:		
BMA5002-20 Fashion Marketing and Management		
BMA5100-20 The Marketing Business		
BMA5102-20 Human Resource Management		
BMA5104-20 Financial Accounting		
BMA5106-20 Destination Management		
BMA5110-20 Entrepreneurship		
BMA5112-20 Festival and Events Management		
BMA5114-20 Law for Business Enterprise		

Rule Notes: BMA5117-20 Applying Economics is optional but recommended.

Students can take 60 credits in both subjects, or 80 credits in one and 40 credits in the other, or

60 credits in one, 40 in the other, and a 20-credit	•		
Optional: PPY5100-120 Professional Placement Year 120 credits			
Level 6			
Core M	lodules		
Economics:			
	ECN6000-40 Economics Project		
Required Modules			
BMA6116-20 Advanced Economic Issues			
Required*	Required* Modules		
BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability			
Optional	Modules		
Business and Management:			
BMA6111-20 Exploring Law in Business	BMA6115-20 Leadership and Management		
BMA6100-20 International Marketing	BMA6104-20 Organisational Strategy		
BMA6101-20 Management Accounting	BMA6106-20 New Trends in Management		
BMA6102-20 Strategic Human Resource Management	BMA6114-20 Successful Freelancing		
BMA6107-20 Cross Cultural Management in International Business			
BMA6108-20 Business Placement			

Rule Notes: BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability is required for Economics combined with Business and Management only.

Choose 1 Optional Business and Management module in each Semester.

Joint Honours: BA (Hons) Economics and Law	
Level 4	
Semester 2 Semester 2	

Core Modules		
Economics:		
ECN4000-20 Economic Foundations	ECN4001-20 Economic Principles	
	ECN4002-20 Methods for Economic Analysis	
Law:		
LAW4000-20 The English Legal System with Legal Method		
Required	l Modules	
LAW4003-20 Corporate Law	LAW4004-20 Contract with Negotiation and ADR	
Rule Notes: N/A		
Level 5		
Core N	Todules	
Economics:		
ECN5000-20 Economic Perspectives	ECN5001-20 Economic Policy	
Law:		
LAW5103-20 Human rights and International Law	LAW5102-20 European Law with Practical Legal Research	
Optional	Modules	
Economics:		
	ECN5117-20 Applying Economics	
	BMA5120-20 Work Placement	
Law:		
LAW5100-20 Employment Law		
Rule Notes: BMA5100-20 Applying Economic	es is optional but recommended.	
Students can take 60 credits in both subjects, or 60 credits in one, 40 in the other, and a 20-cred		
Optional: PPY5100-120 Professional Placement Year 120 credits		
Level 6		
Core Modules		

Economics:	
	ECN6000-40 Economics Project
Required	Modules
ECN6100-20 Advanced Economic Issues	
Optional	Modules
Law:	
*LAW6100-20 Cyberlaw	
*LAW6101-20 Entertainment, Media & IP Law	
From other programmes:	
BMA6101-20 Management Accounting	BMA6115-20 Leadership and Management
**BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability	BMA6114-20 Successful Freelancing

Rule Notes: *Economics and Law students need to take <u>either</u> LAW6100-20 Cyberlaw <u>or</u> LAW6101-20 Entertainment, Media & IP Law, plus one additional Optional module in Semester 1, and one Optional module in Semester 2.

**BMA6105-20 Managing Sustainability is optional for Economics and Law; it is 'Required*' above because it is required for Economics with Business and Management.

Appendix 2: Map of Intended Learning Outcomes

		Status	Intended Learning Outcomes													
Level	Level Module Code	Module Title	(C,R,R*,O)	_	ect-spe wledge		Skills	and		itive a lectual	and Skills	}	Skil Wor		Life a	and
			[+]	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4
4	ECN4000- 20	Economic Foundations	С	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	ECN4001- 20	Economic Principles	С	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	ECN4002- 20	Methods for Economic Analysis	С	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
5	ECN5000- 20	Economic Perspectives	С	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	ECN5001- 20	Economic Policy	С	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	ECN5100- 20	Applying Economics	О	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	BMA5120- 20	Work Placement	О	X	X				X			X	X	X	X	X
5	PPY5100- 120	Professional Placement Year	O		X	X			X			X	X	X	X	X
6	ECN6000- 40	Economics Project	С	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

6	BMA6105- 20	Managing Sustainability	R*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	ECN6100- 20	Advanced Economics Issues	R*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Appendix 3: Map of Summative Assessment Tasks by Module

		Module Title	Status (C,R,R *,O) ^[5]	Assessi	Assessment method														
				Coursework						Pra	ctical		Written Examination						
	Modul e Code			Refle ction	Rep ort	Es say	Timed assign ment	Proj ect Pla n	Dissert ation	Pit ch	ical	Semin ar facilit ation	Present ation	Poster present ation	Time constr ained assess ment	Writ ten Exa m	Mult iple choi ce test		
4	ECN4 000-20	Econom ic Foundat ions	С		1x							1x							

^[4] C = Core; R = Required (i.e., required for this route); $R^* = Required^*$; O = Optional

4	ECN4 001-20	Econom ic Principl es	С		1x					1x			
4	ECN4 002-20	Method s for Econom ic Analysi s	С	1x								1x	
5		Econom ic Perspect ives	С			1x				1x			
5	ECN5 001-20	Econom ic Policy	С		1x				1x				
5	ECN5 100-20	Applyin g Econom ics	0	1x							1x		
5	BMA5 120-20	Work Placeme nt	О	1x			1x		1x				
5	PPY51 00-120		O		1x		1x						

6	ECN6 000-40	Econom ics Project	С				1x	1x				
6	BMA6	Managi ng Sustaina bility	R*	1x	1x							
6	ECN6 100-20	Advanc ed Econom ics Issues	R*			1x					1x	

 $^{^{[5]}}$ C = Core; R = Required (i.e., required for this route); R* = Required*; O = Optional