

# Programme Description Document

## Draft Subject to Approval

Programme Title	Economics (2025-26)
Award Title	Master of Science (MSc)
Awarding Body	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton
Regulated by	Office for Students
Accreditation	None
Regulations	The Regulations of the University can be found on the University's Governance Webpages: <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/regulations-policies">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/regulations-policies</a>
Location of study	University of Southampton Delhi
Length of the programme	12 Months
Tuition Fees	Fees for students can be located on the programme information pages. <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/in/courses">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/in/courses</a>

## Programme Overview

The MSc Economics programme equips students with a thorough understanding of the key concepts, methods and insights in economics and endows them with transferable analytical and quantitative skills. Based on rigorous training in state-of-the-art microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, students have the opportunity to specialise into more advanced research methods and their applications in different fields of economics.

The programme emphasises applying evidence-based economic reasoning to policy questions, thus providing students with much-demanded skills as economists in financial or consulting firms, as well as in government or other institutions.

## Aims of the Programme

Offers you the opportunity to study economics at a postgraduate level and will equip you with a solid working knowledge of advanced methods and concepts in economics and their application to address policy and other research questions. This will prepare you well for careers as a professional economist in research institutions, consulting or financial firms and international organisations.

The programme aims to:

- equip you with solid knowledge and understanding of the theoretical foundations and advanced research methods in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics;
- to enable you to test and evaluate economic theory and models using a variety of research methodologies, data and techniques of analysis;
- the ability to apply economic analysis to address policy questions in a range of areas;
- enable you to interpret and critically evaluate research in different areas of economics;
- enable you to formulate research questions and apply adequate economic research methods to address them;
- enable you to effectively communicate economic reasoning and research in various forms
- to provide you with a high quality and intellectually stimulating experience of learning in a supportive, research-led environment;

## Programme Structure

The tables below provide a list of the modules that make up your programme.

Each module is worth a specified number of credits: you can take a combination of core and compulsory modules enabling you to cover key subject knowledge. Some programmes have option modules which enable you to develop your own interests.

Your programme requires a certain number of credits. The number of option modules you can take depends on the number of core and compulsory modules and this is also influenced by the requirements of the regulatory requirements for professionally accredited programmes. Some programmes also have pre and co-requisites, and these are included in individual module information.

Your learning will be led by the latest research, and modules can change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline.

If we have insufficient numbers of students interested in an option module, it may not be offered. If an option module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module.

The core and compulsory modules available on your programme are as follows:

### Part 1 (Year 1)

This programme is studied over 12 months full-time. The taught component of the programme consists of 30 study weeks divided into two semesters. In each semester you will take four credit-bearing modules (for a total of 60 ECTS/120 CATS).

Each CATS point can be considered as the equivalent of approximately ten hours of study. All credit-bearing modules offered in this programme are 7.5 ECTS/15 CATS modules. The 150 hours of study for each module are divided into contact time (e.g. lectures, seminars, workshops) and non-contact time when you will be engaged in directed study (preparation for classes) and independent study when you will be involved in producing assignments and preparing and taking examinations.

A Core module (the dissertation) must be passed in order to be awarded the qualification.

The course will start off in semester 1 with a two weeks long non-credit bearing module ECON6067 Preliminary Mathematics and Statistics. It will ensure that you are familiar with the mathematical and statistical methods needed for postgraduate study.

In Semester 1 the focus is on acquiring a secure working knowledge of concepts and methods used in economics and economic research at the postgraduate level. Semester 2 allows you to build on these foundations and deepen your understanding of advanced methods in economics as well as analysing questions and problems in specific areas of economics applying adequate state-of-the-art methods.

Your choice of optional modules in S2 will allow you to specialise your education.

After completing the taught component you will engage for three months (usually mid June to mid September) in supervised independent research, yielding a Master's dissertation (worth 30 ECTS/60 CATS).

The structure of the programme and the core/compulsory modules currently offered are set out below. A list of optional modules will be available to you via the Student Record Self-Service system once you enrol at the University.

### **Part 1 (Year 1) Semester 1 Compulsory**

You must take the following modules.

ECON6067 Preliminary Mathematics and Statistics is a non-credit bearing module that runs in week 0 and 1 of Semester 1 and will ensure that you are familiar with the mathematical and statistical methods needed for postgraduate study.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Type</b>
ECON6086	Applied Microeconometrics 2025-26	7.5	Compulsory
ECON6078	Macroeconomics 2025-26	7.5	Compulsory
ECON6077	Microeconomics 2025-26	7.5	Compulsory
ECON6069	Quantitative Methods 2025-26	7.5	Compulsory
ECON6067	Preliminary Mathematics and Statistics 2025-26	0	Compulsory

### **Part 1 (Year 1) Semester 2**

You must select 30 ECTS/60 CATS from arrange of options based on the research expertise of our world-leading staff.

### **Part 1 (Year 1) Summer Core: Dissertation**

You must pass the dissertation module

<b>Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Type</b>
ECON6076	Dissertation 2025-26	30	Core

## **Learning and Teaching**

Your overall workload consists of class contact hours, independent learning, and assessment activity, with each ECTS credit taken equivalent to 20 hours of student effort.

When not attending lectures, seminars and other timetabled sessions you will be expected to continue learning independently through self-study. Typically, this will involve reading journal articles and books,

working on individual and group projects, undertaking research in the library, preparing coursework assignments and presentations, and for other types of assessments and examinations.

## How we'll assess you

Your programme provides you with opportunities to test your understanding of the subject informally before you complete the formal assessments that count towards your module mark. Each module normally contains at least one piece of practice or formative assessment for which you receive feedback.

Formative assessments are developmental, and any results do not count towards your module mark, but they are an important part of your learning.

Summative assessments usually take place at the end of each module, although some may have interim assessments throughout. Assessment methods might include written examinations and a range of coursework assessments such as essays, reports, portfolios, performance, presentations and projects for example. The marks from summative assessments count towards your module mark.

## Staff involved in delivering the different elements of the programme

You will be taught by an experienced teaching team whose expertise and knowledge are closely matched to the content of the modules on your programme. The team includes senior academics, professional practitioners with industry experience, demonstrators and technical officers.

Postgraduate research students who have undertaken appropriate training may also contribute to the teaching of seminars if their research specialism is directly related to the topic of the module and may also be involved in practical classes, project work and field trips. All contributions will be carried out under the supervision of the module leader.

## Fees

### What your fees pay for

Your tuition fees pay for the full cost of tuition and standard exams.

### Extra costs you may experience

Accommodation and living costs, such as travel and food, are not included in your tuition fees. There may also be extra costs for retake and professional exams.

Depending on the nature of your programme, you may be able to choose modules which may have additional costs, such as field studies, travel overseas or industrial placements which will change the overall cost of your programme. Details of these costs can be found in module information.

### The following programme-related costs are not included in your fees:

Type	Details
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Calculators	Where a calculator is required, all Casio Calculators are allowed but they must be Non-Programmable, Scientific models. More information is available in the Examination Regulations <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/assessment/assessment-overview/exam-regulations.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/assessment/assessment-overview/exam-regulations.page</a>
Stationery	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationery items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Any specialist stationery items that you may need will be specified in the relevant module profile.
Textbooks	Where a module specifies essential texts, the Library will identify the optimal option(s) to support the module via the programme Reading List. This may include e-books (ideally with unlimited concurrent usage) or a digitised chapter extract, supported by a limited number of print books (where available). You may prefer to buy your own copies for high demand titles.
Printing	In most cases, written coursework such as essays and projects are submitted online. However it may be necessary to submit a hard copy of some projects, business projects and dissertations. The costs of printing a hard copy for submission of such work will be your responsibility. You will also have to cover the cost of photocopying.
IT	Publicly available software in public workstations and some available via iSolutions, but otherwise purchase.

## Bursaries, scholarships and other funding

We award scholarships and grants for academic excellence, or to students from underrepresented backgrounds.

## Academic support

The Student Hub is your first point of contact when it comes to seeking support. The team will answer your questions or concerns about your wellbeing, fees and funding, accommodation and visas. The team will help make sure you receive the support you need, guiding you to further support services where required.

One of the most important people you will meet while you are a student at University of Southampton Delhi is your Personal Academic Tutor, who will be allocated to you for your arrival at the University and who is normally a member of academic staff in your own or a closely related subject area. Your Personal Academic Tutor will offer one-to-one support and advice throughout your time at the University and will support you in your studies or with other issues you may have. You can find out more via our webpages:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/academic-support-guidance/personal-tutor.page>

## Disclaimer

As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.