

BA Economic and Social Studies

What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study as part of a BA Economic and Social Studies programme (or BAEcon for short) at Manchester.

Each year of your degree you need to take units that add up to 120 credits.

Each unit is made up of 10 or 20 credits. This reflects the amount of work involved, so for every one credit you should do approximately 10 hours of work (eg lectures, tutorials, office hours and independent study).

Each of the course units below has **pre-requisites – other course units which you need to have taken the year before**. You can find information about these by clicking on the particular course unit information pages.

The actual units taught will depend on the availability of staff.

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A full interactive version of this course structure can be found online at:

<http://bit.ly/baeconbus>

Business Studies pathways

As you've chosen to study **Business Studies** (N100), **Business Studies and Economics** (NL11), **Business Studies and Politics** (NL12) or **Business Studies and Sociology** (NL13), these all share the same first year. This means that you can swap between these at the end of your first year, once you have seen how we teach these at Manchester, so that you can build your own degree around what you enjoy whilst still building the core knowledge in Business that you will need to succeed in your degree.

In each year you will choose to take units that add up to 120 credits (which is generally between 8-12 individual courses depending on what you're interested in studying).

Year 1

Your first year is made up of:

- 10 credits of Finance
- 20 credits of Maths and Statistics
- 20 credits of Micro and Macroeconomics
- 20 credits of Politics
- 20 credits of Social Sciences
- 30 optional credits

Business Finance:

Course unit	Credit
Fundamentals of Financial Reporting A	10

Mathematics and Statistics

The Maths and Statistics that you have in your first year will depend on what you have studied before you come to Manchester.

If you have studied A Level Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit title	Credits
Advanced Mathematics	10
Advanced Statistics	10

If you have studied AS Level Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit title	Credits
Further Mathematics	10
Statistics for Economists	10

If you have studied GCSE Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit title	Credits
Introductory Mathematics	10
Introductory Statistics	10

Micro and Macroeconomics

The Economics that you have in your first year will depend on what you have studied before you come to Manchester.

If you have studied A Level Economics or equivalent you will study:

Course unit title	Credits
The UK Economy - Microeconomics	10
The UK Economy - Macroeconomics	10

If you have not studied A Level Economics before you will study:

Course unit title	Credits
Microeconomic Principles	10
Macroeconomic Principles	10

Politics

You will also need to take 20 credits of courses from Politics, these can include:

Course unit title	Credits
Introduction to Comparative Politics	20
Introduction to International Politics	20
Introduction to Political Theory	20

Social Sciences

You will also need to take 20 credits of courses from the Social Sciences, these can include:

Philosophy

Course unit title	Credits
Values We Live By	20
Critical Thinking	20
History of Philosophy	20
Discovering Reality	20
Mind and World	20

Social Anthropology

Course unit title	Credits
Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life	10
Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective	10
Key Ideas in Social Anthropology	20
Introduction to Business Anthropology: Consumers, Companies and Culture	20
Digital Film-Making	20

Sociology

Course unit title	Credits
British Society in a Globalising World	20
From Modernity to Postmodernity I	20
From Modernity to Postmodernity II	20
Media, Culture & Society 1	20
Media, Culture & Society 2	20
Sociology of Personal Life	20
Work, Organisations and Society	20

Optional units:

To make up your overall 120 units and after you have met the other requirements above, you can also choose other units which include:

Economics

Course unit	Credits
An Introduction to Development Studies	10
Applied Statistics for Economists	10

Politics

Course unit	Credits
Making Sense of Politics	20
Politics of the Global Economy	20
Britain in the World: The British Political Tradition	20

Accounting and Finance

Course unit	Credits
Financial Decision Making	10
Fundamentals of Management Accounting	10

Other units

Course unit	Credits
Computing for Social Scientists	10
Origins of British Industrialisation: British Economic and Social History, 1700-1914	20
Study Skills (BA Econ)	10
Understanding Social Media	20
Unequal Societies - Health, Wellbeing & Happiness	20

Year 2

In your second year you study your chosen pathway (such as Business Studies and Economics) in much greater depth. You can study a maximum of two thirds of your second year (or 80 out of 120 units) in any single area.

So long as you meet the requirements for your pathway, you can still take units from another area within the BAEcon structure that is not within your chosen pathway (so for example if you wanted to you can still study Politics units whilst studying Business Studies and Economics).

A full list of the areas that make up the BAEcon that you can choose from are below:

Pathway areas

Business Studies

To specialise in Business Studies you need to take the unit marked with a * and either both Business Economics IA + IB or Managerial Economics.

Course unit	Credits
Foundations of Finance A	20
Intermediate Management Accounting	20
Introduction to Business Information Systems	10
Financial Statement Analysis	10
International Business Strategy: Contexts, Concepts and Skills*	20
Business Economics 1A**	10
Business Economics IB**	10
Managerial Economics I	20
Further Mathematics	10
Statistics for Economists	10
Market Research	10
Work, Economy and Society	20

Economics

To specialise in Economics as part of your joint pathway with Business Studies you need to take the units marked with a * alongside 20 units of other Economics courses.

Course unit	Credits
The UK Economy - Microeconomics	10
The UK Economy - Macroeconomics	10
Applied Statistics for Economists	10
Managerial Economics I	20
Economics for Environmental Management	10
Econometrics	20
Mathematical Economics I	20
Further Mathematics	10
Statistics for Economists	10
Development Economics IIA	10
Development Economics IIB	10
Business Economics 1A	10
Business Economics IB	10
Microeconomics IIA*	10
Microeconomics IIB	10
Macroeconomics IIA*	10
Macroeconomics IIB	10
Economics for Public Policy	10
Applied Environmental Economics	10

Politics

To specialise in Politics as part of your joint pathway with Business Studies you need to take Introduction to Political Theory (in either your first or second year) as well as 20 credits from the units marked with a *

Course unit	Credits
Introduction to Political Theory	20
The Politics of (in)Security	20
Questions About International Politics*	20
From Blitz to the 'Big Society: Politics & Society in Britain Since 1940	20
Arguing About Politics: Political Theory in the World	20
Chinese Politics Today	10
The Politics of Globalisation*	20
The Politics of Development*	20
The Politics of Policy Making*	20
Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates	20
Politics Research Project	20
Comparative European Politics*	10
France under the Fifth Republic*	10
National Politics of Germany*	10
Mediterranean Politics*	10
Comparative Politics of East-Central Europe*	10

Sociology

To specialise in Sociology as part of your joint pathway with Business Studies you need to have taken Modernity to Postmodernity (either I or II) in either your first or second year and at least one of the courses below:

Course unit title	Credits
From Modernity to Postmodernity I	20
From Modernity to Postmodernity II	20
Sociology of Personal Life	20
Sociology of Nature, Environment and Risk	20
Work, Economy and Society	20
Social Network Analysis	20
Qualitative Research Design & Methods	20
Sustainability, Consumption & Global Responsibilities	20
New Media	20
Global Migration	20
Self and Society	20
Gender, Sexuality and Culture	20
Interaction and Social Order	20
Racism and Ethnicity in the UK	20

Other areas

Accounting

Course unit	Credits
Foundations of Finance A	20
Financial Reporting and Accountability	20
Intermediate Management Accounting	20
Introduction to Business Information Systems	10
Financial Statement Analysis	10
Fundamentals of Financial Reporting A	10
Fundamentals of Management Accounting	10

Finance

Course unit	Credits
Foundations of Finance A	20
Financial Markets and Institutions	10
Investment Analysis	10
Financial Statement Analysis	10
Mergers & Acquisitions: Financial Perspectives	10
Fundamentals of Finance	10

Development Studies

Course unit	Credits
An Introduction to Development Studies	10
Economics for Environmental Management	10
Development Economics IIA	10
Development Economics IIB	10
Applied Environmental Economics	10
Introduction to Political Theory	20
The Politics of Globalisation	20
The Politics of Development	20
Chinese Politics Today	10
Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates	20
Sex, Gender and Kinship	20
Anthropology of Religion	20
Political and Economic Anthropology	20
Sociology of Nature, Environment and Risk	20
Qualitative Research Design & Methods	20
Sustainability, Consumption & Global Responsibilities	20
Essentials of survey design and analysis	20

Philosophy

Course unit	Credits
Philosophy of Religion	20
Locke, Berkley, Hume	20
Ethics	20
20th Century Analytical Philosophy	20
Philosophy of Science	20
Philosophy of Mind	20
Phenomenology	20
Aesthetics	20
Philosophical Methods	20
Formal Logic	20

Other course units

Careers

Course unit	Credits
Career Management Skills (BA Econ / BA Social Sciences)	10

Economic and Social History

Course unit	Credits
Crisis and Prosperity in Europe, 1913-1973	20

Law

Course unit	Credits
Introduction to English Law (Non-Law Students)	10

Social Anthropology

Course unit	Credits
Sex, Gender and Kinship	20
Anthropology of Religion	20
Political and Economic Anthropology	20
Materiality and Representation	20

Social Statistics

Course unit	Credits
Applied Statistics for Economists	10
The Survey Method in Social Research	20
Essentials of survey design and analysis	20
The Mozart Effect and statistical inference: Does listening to Mozart make me smarter?	20

Free choice units

As part of the 120 units in your second year you can choose to take up to 20 units of courses that are not part of your second year structure with the approval of your programme director.

This means that you can choose things such as a language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes). You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through: www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/

You can also take advance of the Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) which allows you to build your employability and leadership skills and boost your CV as part of your degree. You can find more the courses that you can choose from on: www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk

You can also choose units offer by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning. This scheme is designed to let students on any programme study courses that cross disciplines and study subjects from departments across the University. You can find out more about the courses offered on: www.college.manchester.ac.uk

Year 3

In your final year if you specialise in a single area (such as Business Studies) then you will need to take a minimum of two thirds (or 80 out of 120 units) in your chosen area. With a joint pathway (such as Business Studies and Economics) you would need to take a minimum of 50 units in each of the two areas.

Again, so long as you meet the requirements for your pathway, you can still take units from another area within the BA Econ structure that is not within your chosen pathway (so for example if you wanted to you can still study Development Studies units whilst studying Business Studies and Economics).

Pathway areas

Business Studies

To specialise in Business Studies (either as a joint or single pathway) you will need to take the International Business Analysis Project. If you are studying Business Studies as a single pathway then you must also study the courses marked with *

Course unit	Credits
Marketing	10
Human Resource Management	10
International Finance	20
Advanced Corporate Finance	10
Corporate Governance in Context	10
International Management of Knowledge and Technology	20
Advanced Management Accounting	20
International Business Analysis Project	20
The Macroeconomics of Labour Markets	10
Business Forecasting	10
Business Economics II *	20
Money, Banking & Financial Markets	10
Managerial Economics II *	20
Labour Economics	10
Theory & Method in Demography	20

Economics

Course unit	Credits
Advanced Macroeconomics	10
The Macroeconomics of Labour Markets	10
The Chinese Economy	10
Natural Resource Economics	10
Mathematical Finance	10
Financial Economics	10
Development Economics IIIA	10
Development Economics IIIB	20
Microeconomics III	20
Macroeconomics IIIA	10
Macroeconomics IIIB	10
History of Economic Thought	10
Business Economics II	20
Money, Banking & Financial Markets	10
Economics of Monetary Integration in Europe	10
Managerial Economics II	20
Financial Econometrics	10
Property and Justice: From Grotius to Rawls	20
Economic Policy Analysis	10
Climate Change Economics	10
Labour Economics	10
Behavioural Economics	10
Theory & Method in Demography	20

If you took Introductory Mathematics and Statistics in your first year then you can also choose:

Course unit	Credits
Mathematical Economics I	20
Econometrics	20

If you took either Advanced Mathematics and Statistics or Further Mathematics and Statistics for Economists in your first year then you can also choose:

Course unit	Credits
Econometrics	20

Politics

Course unit	Credits
Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates	20
The Politics of the European Union	20
Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship	20
Russian Politics	20
Morality and Markets	20
Gender, Sexuality and Politics	20
Elections and Voters in Britain	20
Political Morality	20
Dissertation A	40
Dissertation B	20
Politics of Hate	20
News Media & International Crisis	20
Introduction to International Political Economy	20
Global Justice	20
Gender, War & Militarism	20
Africa & Global Politics	
Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe	20
Borders, Identities, Citizenship	20
Children, Family and Social Justice	20
Understanding Political Choice in Britain	20
Labour Market Policy	20
Democracy in the European Union	20
Contemporary Parliamentary Studies and the British Political Tradition	20
Fear and Loathing in International Relations: The Problem of Identity and Difference	20
Sex, Bodies and Money: Gendering International Political Economy	20
Theories of Rights	20

Sociology

Course unit title	Credits
Sociology of Human Animal Relations	20
Urban Sociology	20
Forced Migration	20
Reproduction & New Medical Technologies	20
Identity, Power & Modernity	20
Creating Multicultural Britain	20
Applications of Social Networks	20
Power and Protest	20
Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis	20
Dissertation (20 credits)	20
Dissertation B (40 credits)	40
Gender, Time and Change	20
Theory & Method in Demography	20

Other areas

Accounting

Course unit	Credits
Financial Analysis of Corporate Performance*	30
Contemporary Issues in Financial Reporting and Regulation	20
Advanced Management Accounting	20
Share Prices and Accounting Information	10
Accountability and Auditing	10
Advanced Business Information Systems	10
Case Studies in Digital Transformation	10
Corporate Governance in Context	10

If you have not chosen any other second year courses you can also choose:

Course unit	Credits
Foundations of Finance A	20

Finance

Course unit	Credits
International Finance	20
Share Prices and Accounting Information	10
Financial Derivatives	10
Advanced Corporate Finance	10
Empirical Finance*	30
Financial Engineering	10

Behavioural Finance	10
Financial Market Microstructure	10
Corporate Contracting and Managerial Behaviour	10

Development Studies

Course unit	Credits
The Chinese Economy	10
Natural Resource Economics	10
Development Economics IIIA	10
Development Economics IIIB	10
Development Studies Dissertation - Economics	20
Property and Justice: From Grotius to Rawls	20
Climate Change Economics	10
Dissertation B – Politics	20
News Media & International Crisis	20
Introduction to International Political Economy	20
Global Justice	20
Borders, Identities, Citizenship	20
Gender, War & Militarism	20
Africa & Global Politics	20
Fear and Loathing in International Relations: The Problem of Identity and Difference	20
Sex, Bodies and Money: Gendering International Political Economy	20
Global Capitalism, Crisis and Revolt	20
War Memories and Reconciliation in East Asia	20
An Anthropology of Science, Magic and Expertise	20
Medical Anthropology	20
Regional Anthropology: Sub-Saharan Africa	20
Anthropology of Development	20
The Anthropology of the Modern State	20
Urban Sociology	20
Power and Protest	20
Forced Migration	20
Dissertation (20 credits) – Sociology	20
Theory & Method in Demography	20
Modelling Social Inequality	20

Philosophy

Course unit	Credits
Metaphysics	20
Philosophy of Language	20
Issues in Epistemology	20
Philosophy of Action	20
Personhood and Freedom of the Will	20
Special Author: Russell	20
Philosophy of Psychology	20
Philosophy of Music	20
Philosophy of Mathematics	20

Other course units

Social Anthropology

Course unit	Credits
An Anthropology of Science, Magic and Expertise	20
Medical Anthropology	20
Regional Anthropology: Sub-Saharan Africa	20
Anthropology of the Arctic	20
Art, Activism and Anthropology	20
Anthropology of Development	20
The Anthropology of the Modern State	20
Screening Culture	20
Anthropology of Vision, Senses and Memory	20

Social Statistics

Course unit	Credits
Theory & Method in Demography	20
Advanced Social Network Analysis	20
Modelling Social Inequality	20

Free choice

You will normally only be allowed to select units in your final year that are not included in the list above if you have continued it from your second year, for example taking the next level of a language course that you have studied as a free choice last year.