

Economics and Finance

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Degree Pathway for Economics and Finance



Pathway to Economics degrees

Our Degree Pathway Programme for Economics and Finance is designed for international students who want a specialised pathway to university in the UK.

It leads directly to leading UK universities with very strong reputations for Economic Studies, Finance, Accounting, Government Economics and Global Sustainable Development degrees.

Is this Degree Pathway Programme for me?

If you answer yes to one or more of the statements below, this is the perfect programme for you:

1. You are an international student looking for a fast, direct preparation programme for university entry.
2. The education system in your home country is shorter than in the UK, so you need an additional year of study before you can study at a UK university.
3. You need additional English language development before you reach the required level for

undergraduate study in the UK.

4. You may not have the grades you need for direct entry to a UK university.
5. You are looking for the support of a “bridge” programme between finishing your high school at home and joining a UK university.

Key facts

When

- September 2025
- January 2026

Where

- [Kings Bournemouth](#)
- [Kings Brighton](#)
- [Kings London](#)
- [Kings Oxford](#)

Course length

- 1 academic year (3 terms)

Lessons

- Average 21 hours per week, plus homework and private study

Entry requirements

- Good grades at high school or equivalent institution
- Minimum IELTS 5.5 (5.0 in Reading and Writing) or equivalent

Minimum age

- 16.5

Learning outcomes

- Raise English to university level
- Develop study skills required at degree level
- Develop specialist subject expertise in Economics and Finance

Progression partners

- [University of Strathclyde](#)
- [University of Nottingham](#)
- [Lancaster University](#)
- [Loughborough University](#)
- [University of Leeds](#)
- [University of Surrey](#)

- [University of Bristol](#)
- [Queen Mary University of London](#)
- [University of Bath](#)
- [UEA](#)

[See more](#)

Progression success

See which universities our Degree Pathway to Economics and Finance students have progressed to.

They are not just limited to the universities listed above.

Recent progression

Hear from our students in a new video series.

Our alumni

The programme



The Degree Pathway Programme comprises four components:

- A.** English language development (including specialist IELTS preparation)
- B.** Core skills modules
- C.** Subject-focused modules
- D.** Academic enhancement activities

Together, they provide a complete learning experience that expertly prepares international students for the rigours of university study in the UK.

A. English language development

UK universities will usually require an English language level of minimum IELTS 6.5.

The fully integrated tuition system develops your learning and study skills as well as language skills. You will:

- become familiar with the conventions and expectations of the UK education system
- become familiar with the style of language used in academic texts

- increase your speed in reading and writing
- enlarge your vocabulary, especially in relation to academic subjects
- learn to identify key facts and information from a wide range of texts
- learn to organise and set out factual information clearly and coherently, orally and in writing
- learn to identify and analyse the main argument in a text or presentation
- learn to express ideas and opinions logically and confidently using appropriate language
- learn to challenge the ideas of others and present contrasting views

B. Core skills

These form the basis of all one-year university Degree Pathway Programmes at Kings.

They give you the vital platform you need to acquire subject specific knowledge.

- [Communications and Study Skills](#)
- Data Handling and Information Technology (slightly different for [Humanities modules](#) and for [Maths and Science modules](#))

C. Subject-focused modules

1. Mathematics

At the end of this module students will:

- have a general understanding of maths and mathematical processes □□
- be able to reason logically and to generalise □□
- have developed mathematical skills and techniques, and be able to use them in increasingly difficult or unstructured problems □□
- recognise how a situation may be represented mathematically □□
- know how to use mathematics as an effective means of communication □□
- be able to read and comprehend mathematical arguments and narrative concerning applications of mathematics □□
- be able to use calculating aids effectively and be aware of their limitations.

2. Economics

At the end of this module students will:

- have factual knowledge of economics at micro, macro and international levels
- understand the tools of economic analysis and the problems to which they may be applied
- understand economics as a discipline and be aware of its links to related subjects
- have awareness of sources of economics data and be accustomed to using the principal reference sources

3. Third elective module

Students will choose a third subject in consultation with their tutors and UCAS counsellor: [Business Studies](#) or [Government and Politics](#). This will be based on the degree and university they plan to progress to.

D. Academic enhancement

A fundamental part of the programme, enhancement takes students outside of the classroom and makes them live the subject as well as providing them with useful life skills.

Students on our Degree Pathway in Economics and Finance may:

- visit the BMW factory
- visit the Business School of one of our University partners
- be visited by University academics and get cutting edge lectures on Business and Management topics

They might be encouraged to challenge themselves to do the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and take part in clubs and societies run locally. We also run the Kings Enterprise scheme, which encourages and nurtures students enterprises.

In each of our four locations we run clubs and societies like the Maths Club, the Current Affairs Club, the Debating Society and many more. More detail about the specific clubs offered can be found on our location pages.