

Department of Economics
MSc Economics & MSc EME Offer Holders' Frequently Asked Questions
March 2026 Offer Holder Session

What careers support is available within the Economics Department?

Students have access to central careers support services via [LSE Careers](#), which include career planning guidance, employer presentations, skills workshops, and individual careers advice, with one-to-one appointments. Students at the session talked about the usefulness of practice interviews and opportunities to workshop their CVs with Careers staff. The careers team also invite current students to networking events with LSE Alumni throughout the year, for those wanting to find out more about what careers past graduates have gone into.

The Economics Careers liaison, Amy Fox, normally runs a session specific to Finance careers over the summer. Pending confirmation of the date, offer-holders will receive an invitation to join the session later in the summer.

What are the most common exit pathways for students from the one-year MSc?

Many MSc Econ and EME graduates pursue PhDs, approximately 25–30% enter industry roles, particularly in technical areas such as finance, consulting, and research. Others move into research assistant positions, policy and international institutions, finance, consulting, or data-focused roles.

How difficult is the transition from a BSc in Economics to the MSc?

The transition from a BSc to the MSc is substantial, as the MSc involves significantly greater mathematical rigour, faster pacing, and higher expectations for independent learning. The MSc Tutor, Dr Olivier, discussed how many students make the adjustment to the pace and level of the MSc within the Autumn Term, but assured students not to worry if it takes longer than expected to feel they are keeping up with the coursework.

How are courses structured across the academic year?

You will have three core Economics courses, in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics and an optional course as your fourth paper. For MSc Economics students, the fourth paper will be assessed through an exam and a 6,000-word essay. You will be assessed on Autumn Term material in the core courses during the

January exams period. In the May/June exam period, you will be assessed on all four courses.

How many electives can students take and when do we choose?

Course selection browsing opens in late September, with students needing to finalise their course option by October. There is a substantive list of Economics courses to choose from within the [Course Guides](#), as well as courses in other departments such as Finance, Geography etc. You are only permitted to take one full-unit optional course, or two half-unit courses. Both the EME and Economics MScs are Four Unit degrees, so additional courses cannot be taken for credit. However, students can audit courses, with the course convenors permission, meaning they can attend lectures (but not seminars) and access course materials on Moodle.

Can students transfer from MSc EME to MSc Economics?

There is a short and strictly regulated period during which students may request a transfer between programmes. Transfers are not guaranteed and depend on factors such as academic suitability and availability of spaces on the programme and are subject to the approval of the Programme Director. While transfers from EME to Econ may get approved (subject to meeting various criteria and other programme factors), transfers from Econ to EME are not normally possible, due to the differing entry requirements for the MSc EME as well as pre-sessional course constraints. MSc Economics offer holders who may be contemplating a move into the EME should apply for it within the main admissions cycle, while the programme is still open - see [Programme Availability](#).

Which recommended pre-reading should students prioritise?

Recommended readings are listed in the [course guides](#) and in your original offer-letter. Additional pre-sessional materials and guidance will be shared in late July. During the session, most students said they had not read any of the suggested texts cover-to-cover, and most recommended that students use the summer to relax before starting the programme. The Programme Manager mentioned that the suggested texts are intended especially for students who have had a break in their studies and wish to brush up on various topics, mentioning that the 'How To Prove It' text was the most recent addition to the recommended readings based on student feedback.

Who should I contact if I still have questions?

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