

INTRODUCTION

This programme aims to give you a broad understanding of the nature of economic activity and how this impacts on consumers, businesses and economies at both a national and international (A2) level. This is a very exciting time to study economics and much of the work, particularly in units 2 and 4 will focus on current events.

WHAT WILL I DO?

To achieve the full A level you will study 4 modules over 2 years. The AS qualification requires study of 2 modules over 1 year.

Year One – AS

1. Markets and Market Failure

This unit introduces students to microeconomics. Areas of study will include demand and supply, operation of the price mechanism and causes of market failure.

1. The National Economy.

This unit introduces students to macroeconomics. Areas of study will include the analysis of aggregate demand and supply and applying it to the economic cycle. Students will study the UK economy in depth starting with the boom of the late 1980's, the recession of the early 1990's, the subsequent recovery and the current credit crisis.

Year Two – A2

1. Business Economies and the Distribution of Income

This unit builds on the skills developed in unit 1. Students will evaluate more complex models such as perfect competition, oligopolies and monopolies, economic efficiency and government interventions.

1. The National and International Economy

This unit builds on the work from unit 2, however there is an emphasis on being able to analyse and evaluate the causes of change in macroeconomic indicators. Students will be required to appreciate the ways in which UK economic developments can be related to the global context. For example the impact of China's recent industrial developments on the UK economy or the consequences for the UK economy of increased inward investment by multinational countries.

All modules are externally tested. Assessment is through a number of methods including multiple choice questions, data response questions, essays and case studies.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

AS and A2 (full A level) courses may be studied on a part-time basis but students must be able to fit in with the full-time time table.

It will take one year of study to achieve an AS qualification and two years for the full A Level.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Full-time A Level students will require 5 GCSE's at C or above. It is not necessary to have studied Economics at GCSE level before starting the course.

Mature students may not need to meet the above entry requirements and should discuss their options at interview.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

Successful students will enhance their prospects of working for a huge range of business organisations. These qualifications can lead to a wide range of Higher Education or professional training courses.

FEES

Full time Courses are free for those who are under 19 on 31 August of the year they start their course. For others, fees may vary depending on personal circumstances. Please enquire for details.

International and EU Students, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)1205 313212 or enquiry@boston.ac.uk for details on Fees.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Examination fees are approximately £40 per year.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information. The Information on this Course Information Sheet is correct at time of print, but can be subject to change at anytime.

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