

Strathclyde Business School

Strathclyde Business School is the longest established business school in Scotland and one of the largest Business Schools in Europe. The eight subject departments and specialist units offer the full range of undergraduate degrees, postgraduate (taught and research) programmes, and research and consultancy. There are around 600 full-time and 1,800 part-time postgraduate students, and over 200 academic staff.

The School puts particular emphasis on combining excellence with relevance and has a high reputation for the quality of its staff, teaching, research and graduates. The School also has strong links with business and industry internationally: in addition to research contracts and consultancy, companies are involved in student placements and many contribute to programmes.

The results of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise affirmed the School as a leader for "world-leading and internationally excellent" research, with SBS being rated top for research in Scotland – by a long way – and seventh equal in the UK.

The School has achieved accreditation from EQUIS, AACSB International and AMBA. It is one of only 40 business schools world-wide – and the only one in Scotland – to have achieved this recognition placing it in the top 1% of business schools worldwide. SBS is the only UK institution with both full international accreditation and UAE government accreditation offering postgraduate programmes in the UAE through campuses in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. These awards are added to the accreditation already gained from bodies such as the Economic and Social Research Council, the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.



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Entry Requirements

The programme is open to students with a good first degree in which Economics forms a substantial component. Applicants with a more limited Economics background but with other appropriate qualifications or experience may be offered a place, conditional on completing Self Study Material in the summer before entry. Applicants whose first language is not English must also satisfy the minimum University English Language requirements.

Fees

For information on current fee levels, see:
www.strath.ac.uk/registry/students/finance

How to Apply

Apply online via the postgraduate course page:
www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate

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MSc

ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT & POLICY

The MSc in Economic Management & Policy applies economic analysis to policy issues and business problems. It develops the analytical skills necessary for employment as a professional economist in the private and public sectors. The emphasis is on applying the tools and techniques of economics, rather than teaching economic theory as an end in itself.

Classes on the programme make extensive use of project work and policy analysis, with an emphasis on investigation and problem solving. The course is the only economics Master's degree to be Recommended by the UK Government Economic Service. It is available for study by full-time, part-time or entirely online distance learning modes.



Programme Structure

The programme consists of a set of taught postgraduate degrees under a single generic title - Economic Management & Policy - with a suite of 'pathways' leading to more specialised designations.

The programme involves a common core, taken largely in the first semester, together with five pathways to specialisation in the second semester. Students may choose to study for the generic degree of MSc in Economic Management and Policy (EMP), or for the EMP degree in one of the five named pathways:

- Business Economics
- Environmental Economics
- Industrialisation, Trade and Economic Policy
- International Financial Economics
- Regional Policy

The generic EMP degree option allows students to pick a mixture of classes from the various pathways that best suits their interests or career aspirations.

The award of the MSc in Economic Management and Policy is based on performance over the four core classes, four electives and the project. Students whose performance in the core and elective classes does not reach MSc standard may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Management and Policy. Students who achieve a satisfactory performance in only the four core classes may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Economic Management and Policy, in which case neither elective classes nor project will be undertaken.

Core Classes

- Data Handling and Analysis
- Microeconomic Management and Policy
- Macroeconomic Environment
- Integrative Economics

Electives

Students choose four from the 20 elective classes offered in the programme. These cover a wide range of business, environmental, development and regional economics themes. With the approval of the Programme Director, students may choose up to two electives from other MSc courses in the Business School. Where a student opts to study for a named degree in one of the specialist pathways, elective choice will be constrained to reflect the greater degree of specialisation that the pathway entails.

Project

The project is an extensive and substantial piece of economic analysis which aims to develop those applied research skills that are important to the professional economist. It should therefore be problem-oriented and approached through a variety of perspectives. Wherever possible, the project should be undertaken in association with an outside company.

Visiting Speaker Programme

Students are expected to participate fully in the visiting speaker programme. The programme enables a variety of practitioners from both the public and private sectors to illustrate their work and indicate the career opportunities open to EMP graduates.

Assessment

Reflecting the programme's vocational orientation, a mix of assessment methods are used, including individual- and team-based classwork assignments, computer-based classwork, business reports and conventional written exams.

The modes of assessment are designed to appropriately reward individual achievement and to foster the various skills required in the modern organisational environment, including transferable skills of teamworking, communication and data and information handling.

Start Date & Duration

The programme begins in late September. The principal 'in-attendance' mode of study usually involves 12 months of full-time study including submission of project.

Students may also choose to study on a part-time basis over two (or, in exceptional cases, three) years. Timetabling should enable part-time students to complete all on-campus class contact in a single day each week.

For those who wish to study by distance learning, an Open Learning mode of study is also available, taken over a period of at least two and a half years.

The Department

The Department of Economics is part of the Strathclyde Business School, renowned for its teaching and research in business disciplines. Teaching quality in the Department has been given the highest possible rating by the Quality Assurance Agency, the UK's official assessor of teaching and learning standards.

Research activity is wide-ranging, with particular concentration in Macroeconomics and Regional Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development.

The Department has around 30 teaching and research staff, many of whom are internationally recognised for their research.

Most teaching takes place in a room set aside for MSc students. There is also a room dedicated for students' private study and leisure.

Graduates from the programme have a high success rate in obtaining employment in a wide variety of organisations in the UK and abroad.

Careers

Graduates can enter directly into employment as applied economists in the private or public sectors. This vocationally-oriented programme develops economic skills useful for formulating policy in, and managing, organisations, rather than simply training academic or research-oriented economists. The International Financial Economics pathway is particularly relevant to those who wish to pursue a career in government, banking or finance.