

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Economics

Q 1. Does Economics have any specific entrance requirements?

Economics has a requirement for students to have achieved at least a Grade 5 in their GCSE Mathematics. This is due to the high level of numeracy skills required in the subject.

Q 2. Does it matter if I have not studied GCSE Economics before?

Very few students have studied Economics at GCSE before starting the A-Level course. There is no requirement to have studied it before.

Q 3. What work will be expected to complete outside lesson?

You will be expected to complete 4 – 6 hours of work for all subjects outside lesson per week. In Economics in addition to homework and preparation for tests, it is important that you devote sufficient time to reading about current affairs in order to improve your ability to apply the subject to the real world.

Q 4. Is there a lot of Maths in A-Level Economics?

Around 25% of the marks awarded for the A-level course come from numeracy/ problem solving questions. The A-level does require strong numeracy skills and a good ability to problem solve but does not overlap with Mathematics A-Level.

Q 5. Do we have to write many essays in Economics?

Economics is an essay-based subject and the majority of the marks awarded at A-level come from structured analytical and evaluative essay writing. A good grasp of current affairs from the UK and global economy will enable you to bring real-world context into your writing, which is necessary in A-Level Economics.

Q 6. Why should I study A-level Economics at Loreto?



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Economics is a traditional, academic A-level, which gives students excellent skills in terms of logical thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills. Economics as a social science can be useful to show a wide-ranging skills base when studied alongside other subjects. Furthermore, each year we have a number of students who apply to study Economics and gain places at universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and LSE. If you study only sciences alongside Economics, it demonstrates your ability to complete well-reasoned extended writing. If you study only essay-based subjects alongside Economics, it demonstrates your numeracy skills.

Q 7. Are there any recommended resources to prepare for A-level Economics?

It would be helpful if, in preparation for starting the course, that you ensure that you are keeping up to date with global economic affairs and UK economic policy decisions.

Q 8. Which examination board do you use?

We follow the Edexcel Economics A Specification.

Q 9. Will I need to do A-Level Maths if I want to study Economics at University?

Not necessarily. However, to study economics as a BSc degree at a number of Russell Group Universities you will be expected to achieve a Grade A in A-Level Mathematics. This is due to the nature of some Economics degrees, for example at Cambridge and LSE.

