

**Careers and Employability Service**

**What Can I Do With My Degree?**

**Economics**

## Introduction

This resource is designed for you to discover what you can do with your degree. It contains information on:

- [Skills gained through your degree](#) - useful in career decision-making and when applying for graduate jobs
- [Overview of the main career areas with your degree](#) - to help you understand what other students with your degree have gone on to do
- [Links to selected relevant professional bodies and associations](#) - to help you understand the sector and also provide advice and information
- [Finding opportunities](#) - including finding jobs and internships, volunteering opportunities, specialist recruitment agencies.
- [Further study](#) - professional qualifications and programmes aligned to your first degree

## Skills gained through your degree

In a competitive graduate labour market, it is important that you are able to demonstrate the key skills that you have developed through your degree programme.

Reflecting upon the skills you have gained and your skill strengths can also be helpful in career decision making. The following resources can help you to understand the skills gained from your degree.

[Prospects](#) - Take a look at the "Skills for your CV" section

[Discover...yourself](#)

[Your course learning outcomes](#) - Your course modules contain aims and learning outcomes. These are useful in assisting you to recognise and reflect upon the skills developed during your studies. The programme specification document for your course also includes a number of skills that you should have developed throughout your time studying.

## Overview of the main career areas with your degree

Economics graduates are equipped for numerous roles in a wide variety of career sectors, notably business and finance. Some other popular roles include: Civil Service, human resources, and teaching, among many more.

The resources below will enable you to explore these in more detail.

[Prospects](#)

[TargetJobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[What Do Graduates Do?](#)

## **Links to selected professional bodies and associations**

[Royal Economic Society](#) – Organise events and activities and support career development activities for current economics students and graduates

[Society of Professional Economists](#) – Organisation serving professional economists in the UK

[The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries](#) – UK's chartered professional body for Actuaries

[Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales](#)

[Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy](#) – the professional body for people in public finance

[Chartered Institute of Management Accountants](#)

[ACCA](#) – global body for professional accountants

[The Association of Insurance and Risk Managers](#)

[The Institute of Risk Management](#)

[The Institute of Certified Forensic Accountants](#)

[Association for Financial Markets in Europe](#) (incorporating LIBA, the London Investment Banking Association)

[The Personal Investment Management and Financial Advice Association \(PIMFA\)](#)

[Institute of Economic Development](#)

[Economic Research Council](#)

## **Finding relevant opportunities**

[Econ-Jobs](#) – Economics jobs, economist jobs and econometrics jobs within academia, government, international organisations and private companies

[Inside Careers](#) – Specialist graduate careers website focused on finance-related professions, plus management consultancy. Advertises graduate and internship opportunities

[Government Economic Service](#) – The GES is the UK's largest recruiter of economists, with over 1400 professionals in more than 30 Departments and Agencies

[Civil Service Fast Stream](#) – Civil Service Graduate programme

[Efinancial careers](#) – job opportunities in Finance, banking, accounting and technology

[Bank of England](#) – Recruit undergraduates and postgraduates. Vacation work experience and sponsorship for undergraduates

[CEBR](#) - Independent economics and business research consultancy

[Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) – Recruits economists for the Diplomatic Service, to supply the economic policy element of foreign policy issues

[Institute for Fiscal Studies](#) – Independent research institute specialising in the economic analysis of public policy, especially fiscal policy. Offers summer vacation work as well as graduate programmes

[National Institute of Economic and Social Research](#) - Independent research institute

[Target jobs - Finance](#) - Finance graduate jobs and internships

[Jobs in Risk](#) - a specialist job site for the risk and compliance sectors

[Actuary Jobs](#) - a specialist job site for the actuarial sector

[Get into teaching](#) – Department for Education site about teacher training

## **Further study**

[Prospects](#) – Search postgraduate courses, advice and funding information

[Target Postgrad](#) – advice and information on postgraduate study

[Careers Service](#) – includes information on Law, Teaching and Medicine

[The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries](#) - offers a number of qualifications to individuals who wish to pursue an actuarial career

[Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales](#)

[ACCA](#) - global body for professional accountants

The Investment Management Certificate - Entry-level qualification, the IMC is used by most leading investment firms to demonstrate competence for regulatory purposes