

Top 30 UK Universities for studying Economics

There are 3 main university ranking guides in the UK – [the Complete University Guide](#), [The Times/Sunday Times University Guide](#) and [the Guardian University Guide](#). Here we have averaged the ranking of the 3 guides to come up with a top 30. The table is not comprehensive or foolproof – there are plenty of superb universities to choose from not on the list. A good Math's grade is often a significant requirement for most universities.

	CUG	Times	Guardian	Rank	UCAS	Context
University of Cambridge	1	3	3	1	A*A*A	*
University of Oxford	3	4	1	2	A*AA	*
London School of Economics (LSE)	2	2	5	3	A*AB	AAB
University of St Andrews	4	5	2	4	AAA	AAB
University of Warwick	5	1	8	5	A*A*A	A*AB
Durham University	7	8	4	6	A*AA	ABB
University College London	6	6	16	7	A*AA	A*AB
Lancaster University	16	10	12	8	AAB	BBB
University of Nottingham	12	9	22	9	A*AA	AAA
University of Liverpool	24	11	10	10	AAB	ABB
University of Bath	9	24	19	11	A*AA	AAB
University of Leeds	10	13	31	12	AAA	ABB
University of Bristol	11	18	27	13	A*AA	AAB
University of Birmingham	17	18	21	14	A*AA	AAA
King's College London	8	37	15	15	A*AA	AAB
University of Glasgow	15	14	31	16	AAB	ABB
University of Exeter	14	15	33	17	A*AA	AAB
University of Surrey	23	15	26	18	AAB	BBB
University of Edinburgh	13	22	33	19	A*AA	*
University of Ulster	31	20	18	20	BBC	*
University of Stirling	26	30	13	21	BBB	CCC
Loughborough University	20	12	39	22	AAA	*
Heriot Watt University	34	28	9	23	ABB	BBC
University of Strathclyde	28	7	38	24	ABB	*
Aston University	32	27	17	25	AAB	BBC
University of York	19	28	30	26	AAB	BBB
University of East Anglia	33	25	23	27	ABB	BBC
University of Sheffield	22	15	44	28	AAB	ABB
University of Essex	43	37	7	29	BBB	BCC
Queen's University, Belfast	27	31	31	30	ABB	*

The table shows typical UCAS points required to study Economics, or similar courses, at these universities. A significant number of students can access **contextualised offers**, shown in the final column. For those with an * please consult the appropriate university. Most courses require Mathematics as the top grade.

Am I a widening access student that can access a contextualised offer?

Widening access students are deemed to be at a disadvantage, due to their personal circumstances, compared to their peers, when applying to higher education. They might be able to access better offers, scholarships or other forms of help.

These might include:

- Being the first in their family to go to university
- Have been or are currently in care
- Are from particular ethnic groups, such as BAME
- Are from a lower socio-economic group
- Attend a school/college where low numbers of students have gone on to higher education
- Live in an area where low numbers of students have gone on to higher education

The following organisations promote widening access programmes:

- [The Sutton Trust](#)
 - [Sutton Trust Summer School](#)
- [The Access Project](#)
 - [The Access Project/Schools](#)