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Economics Infosheet

New student admissions for summer 2026 are open

1-Week Course

This course is one week long, and you can extend your experience to as many as four weeks by adding additional one-week courses.

Program Highlights

- Explore fundamental economic concepts, from micro and macroeconomics to market forces and pricing
- Apply economic theories to scenarios and analyze how these principles impact the labor markets, the environment and international trade
- Develop skills in interpreting statistical information and using quantitative tools to make informed decisions
- Understand the metrics behind economic growth, inflation and GDP, and examine policy debates around fiscal and monetary strategy
- Examine the benefits and complexities of trade activity and globalization

2026 Dates

Oxford

- Session 2: July 12 - July 18

Academic Program Overview

This course offers a deep dive into the fundamental principles and theories that underpin economic systems worldwide. Students will examine topics such as scarcity, opportunity cost, supply and demand, incentives in decision-making and consumer behavior. They will also explore market dynamics, how prices are determined, global trade, exchange rates and economic development.

Overall, the course provides a comprehensive understanding of how economic systems function, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to analyze and contribute to economic decision-making at both individual and societal levels. Economics is a versatile field with applications in finance, public policy, business and academia.

Excursions

Students in the Economics course at Oxford have taken part in an immersive economics walking tour of London led by Dr. Ramin Nassehi, exploring the city's economic history and landmarks while gaining insights into how economic principles shape urban development. The tour also includes a visit to University College London, giving students exposure to the UK's university system and potential academic pathways.

In addition, students attend guest lectures and workshops featuring industry professionals who present case studies from both the public and private sectors. These sessions are followed by career panels where students learn about opportunities in economics and related fields.

Past Instructors include:

Dr. Oluwole Owoye

Dr. Oluwole Owoye brings a genuinely global perspective to economic theory - and your student is about to experience it firsthand. A Professor of Economics at Western Connecticut State University, Dr. Owoye holds a Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University and has published widely in leading international journals, presenting his research at major conferences around the world. He teaches Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Labor Economics, and Economic Development.

What sets Dr. Owoye apart is his remarkable real-world experience. A prestigious Fulbright Scholar, he has taught and conducted research across multiple continents - including a landmark collaborative Ph.D. program serving economists across West, East, and Southern Africa, and four years as a Visiting Professor in Nairobi, Kenya with the African Economic Research Consortium.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course and weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $5,498 first week, $4,498 each additional week

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price:** $2,498 first week $1,998 each additional week

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

There are five 4-hour class sessions over the one-week course. Students have class from 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. Our intimate, seminar-style courses in Oxford offer small class sizes that foster close-knit collaboration and active discussion with leading academics. Afternoons are dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker or activity.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
11AM	15-Minute Break
11:15AM	Academic Course
1:15PM	Lunch/Free-Time
3PM	Academic Excursion/Lab
5PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Free-Time
9:30PM	Back in Dorms

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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Learn about fundamental economic concepts such as micro and macroeconomics, historical trends, human behavior, supply and demand, market forces, and pricing.
- Apply economic theories to real-world scenarios and analyze how economic principles impact various sectors of society, such as labor markets, the environment, and international trade.
- Enhance skills in interpreting statistical information and using quantitative tools to make informed decisions
- Gain a better understanding of economic growth, inflation, and GDP, as well as debate on policy conflicts and fiscal policies.
- Examine the benefits of trade activity and globalization.

2026 Dates

Berkeley

- Session 1: June 14 - June 26
- Session 3: June 28 - July 10
- Session 5: July 12 - July 24

Academic Program Overview

This course offers a deep dive into the fundamental principles and theories that underpin economic systems worldwide. Students explore a wide range of topics, including scarcity, opportunity cost, supply and demand, and the role of incentives in decision-making, as well as consumer behavior. Students will also explore market dynamics, gain a better understanding of how prices are determined, and dip their toes in global trade, exchange rates, and discuss economic development. Overall this course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of how economic systems function, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge to analyze and contribute to economic decision-making at both individual and societal levels. It is a versatile field that can be applied to various industries, including finance, public policy, business, and academia.

Excursions

Students have the opportunity to welcome distinguished speakers, take part in interactive seminars and enjoy a variety of walking tours and excursions around the area focused on economics.

In Berkeley, students have had the opportunity to visit and meet the leadership team at Founders, Inc., a San Francisco-based community, fund, and startup studio that supports founders building emerging technology companies. Students also had the opportunity to engage with a panel of two employee resource groups and toured the VISA headquarters.

Instructors

Berkeley - Allan Lacayo, MA, Economics

Allan is a distinguished educator with a passion for economics and mathematics. Holding a Master's degree in Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics, both from UC Berkeley, Allan brings a wealth of academic expertise to his teaching endeavors. Currently serving as a visiting professor in Economics at Saint Mary's College and a professor of Economics and Business at Diablo Valley College, Allan's commitment to higher education is unwavering.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: **$5,998**

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: **$3,298**

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).

Curriculum Developer

Ruby Bloom

Ruby received her MPhil in Economics at the University of Oxford, where her research focused on educational policy and its financing.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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