

Optional Modules

1. What optional modules can I take as part of my programme at the Business School on the Exeter campus?

See the Course Content section of the programme page to see how many optional modules you can take each year. You can pick them from any Business School department: accounting, management, finance or economics. Most programmes also have the option to take up to 30 credits a year (2 modules) outside of the Business School, including a language. In the final year fewer modules are compulsory so it's a really great opportunity to make the course work for you!

2. Is there a list of the optional modules available for the Business School?

You can find a complete list of optional modules offered by the Business School here: <http://business-school.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/modules/>.

Four Year study options

3. I can't make up my mind between the four-year 'With Year Abroad' or 'With Industrial Experience', or the three-year programme. Can I change it later?

Yes. For programmes on the Exeter campus, there are no specific quotas and you can easily switch right up until you enrol. After that it is more difficult to swap into With Industrial Experience, as you will have modules timetabled to prepare you. (NB: BA International Business with Modern Languages has a compulsory 4th year.)

Study and support

4. What academic support is available?

You will be assigned a personal tutor who will oversee your academic progress, help you identify development opportunities, and can refer you to specialist academic, wellbeing and careers guidance (such as Student Health Centre, Wellbeing Centre, International Student Support, Students' Guild Advice Centre, and the AccessAbility team) as required. Lecturers also hold drop-in office hours every week to support you and can be contacted by email. The Career Zone has free study skills workshops you can book onto throughout the year. The Business School runs a buddy scheme where you can have support from other students too.

5. How many hours of lectures per week would I expect in my first year?

Two hours of lectures, per module, per week is quite typical for Business School modules. This works out at 8 hours of lectures a week if you are studying 4 modules each semester. On top of this, seminars, in smaller class groups, are held for each module at least once a fortnight. You can expect 11- 14 contact hours total per week.

6. Are lecture slides and extra study notes available for independent study?

Yes these are available on the Exeter Learning Environment (ELE). Lecture slides and additional questions and solutions are kept here for you to access at any time! Most lectures are also recorded and will also be posted here. It is very useful if you miss a lecture, want to recap, or are using it for your own study closer to exams. Additionally seminar/tutorial work is made available online for all students. You are also able to access assistance from your lecturer online via emails. Having online resources is very useful as it means that you can go over aspects of the module which you find challenging, and this would give you additional time to work through the concepts.

7. What sort of assignments (essays, group projects, etc) do you get at university?

The assignments range from essays to group projects, presentations and practical exams, as you've already experienced in sixth form, but tailored to university level of study. You are given a range of topics to choose from when writing your essays, depending on your interests. Take a look at the module descriptors for more detail.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

BSc Business Analytics

8. What is the difference between Business and Management, and Business Analytics?

The main differences are focused on how much you'll learn about data science and data analysis to enable business decision making. In Business Analytics you'll learn to program in Python and R, and will learn more analytical skills - including a range of data science. In both topics you'll learn about core business topics, but the focus will be slightly different across the two subjects. There are a number of modules in common, so there'll be opportunity to share learning with students on different courses.

9. What analytics software would we be proficient in after the Business Analytics course?

By the end of the course you should be proficient in coding in Python and R which are very commonly used languages in many aspects of both Business Analytics and data science more generally. You'll also be very proficient using Excel and will have experience of other commonly used software platforms, such as Tableau.

BA International Business and Modern Languages

10. What is the difference between this programme and Business and Management with Year Abroad?

This is a four year programme with a compulsory year abroad in the third year. This can be a work placement, a year of study or a combination of both. This programme does not allow for students to select optional modules from other colleges and is a 50/50 split between UEBS (Business modules) and HUMS (Modern Languages modules).

11. What languages can I study?

You can study one language, from the following list you select when you apply: French, German, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish.

Economics programmes – entry requirements

12. What is the Maths entry requirement for Economics?

For BSc Economics, BSc Economics and Finance, BSc Economics and Econometrics A-level in Mathematics is required at grade B or above (can be Maths, Pure Maths or Further Maths but not Statistics or Economics). Students taking BSc Business Economics or BSc Economics and Politics must have GCSE Maths at grade A/level 7 (or have a pass in A-level Maths/AS-level Maths, or grade A in Core Maths). No previous study of economics is required or assumed.