

**A Warm Welcome to
All Students on
MSc Econ, E&IFE, E&IO, E&BES &
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Who Am I?

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Introductory Meeting

- Immediate things to do
- Identify key people and places
- Course structure & module choices
- House rules, pastoral support system
- Other learning opportunities
 - Research workshops and seminars
 - IT and Library
 - Life-skills

You should have already

- Registered with IT Services
- received a user id, password and email address
- Important: we will communicate with you via your *university email address only*

You should have already

- Checked out our MSc web pages:

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/economics/pg/

- Spent some time reading the **MSc Handbook**
- Orientated yourself: figure out location of PG Office (S2.133), notice-board, pigeon-holes etc.
- Introduced yourself to fellow students (**36 countries**)
- Found the bar ...

Week 1

- Research Methods module:
 - Sign up for library sessions using link:
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/pg/incoming/mscarrival/libintro> by Wed 5th Oct.

Week 2

- All MSc teaching starts on Monday of week 2

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IT and Other Facilities

MSc Study Area

- PC facilities - S2.81B – reserved for ecpxxx logins
- Common Area – S2.81B - daily newspapers and some periodicals will be supplied, and coffee machine!

Computing

- Connect from a campus residence
- Learn how to connect from off-campus
- Also “open access” computer rooms e.g. in library
- Stata CD - both Econometrics A and B use it exclusively

My.economics

- **Departmental Information gateway for students**
- Communicate with staff, sign up for classes, module evaluations, see exam results, etc
- Click on **my.economics**

The screenshot shows the 'my.Economics' portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'my.Economics' and the subtitle 'Economics Department Information Portal'. To the right of the logo is a 'Control Panel' link. Below the logo, there are navigation links: 'Home', 'Scheduler', 'Helpdesk', and 'Teaching Admin'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area features a welcome message: 'Welcome to My.Economics (Between Summer and Autumn Term) Hello, Eleanor (ecsgba). Not you? Sign in.' Below this, there is a paragraph: 'This is the University of Warwick Economics portal for staff and students offering only targeted information. For general department information please visit our main external site [here](#).' The bottom section of the page is divided into three columns: 'Tools' (containing 'Synchronizing Folders' and 'Password Strength'), 'Manuals' (containing links to 'Condor', 'E-Views', 'Help', 'Matlab', 'MyEconomics', 'Outlook', 'PcGive', 'Rats', and 'Stata'), and 'Links' (containing various service links like 'Audio Visual', 'Get Started with Office 2007', 'IT Services Leaflets', 'IT Services Status', 'Laptop Bookings', 'Local Room Bookings', 'Mass Mailing', 'My.Insight', 'My.Warwick', 'Outlook Web Access', 'Peripheral Bookings', 'Projector Bookings', and 'Web Groups').

Basic course structure

- See the [Handbook](#) for the full details

	Pre-term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Maths & Stats	Pre-sessional Maths and Stats			
Economic Analysis	Micro and Macro			
Econometrics	Econometrics A or B			
	Research Methods			
Options	Three Optional Modules from list (varies between variants)			
Research	Dissertation			

MSc Behavioural & Econ Science

- See the [Handbook](#) for the full details

	Pre-term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Maths & Stats	Pre-sessional Maths and Stats			
Economic Analysis	Micro			
Econometrics	Econometrics			
	Issues & Psychological Science			
	Methods and Analysis in Behavioural Science			
	Experimental Economics			
	Psychological Models of Choice			
	Behavioural Science: Implications and Applications			
Research				Research Proposal Research Project

MSc Econ Development and Growth (Erasmus Mundus)

- See the [Handbook](#) for the full details

	Pre-term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Maths & Stats	Pre-sessional Maths and Stats			
Economic Analysis	Micro and Macro			
Econometrics	Econometrics A or B			
	Research Methods			
Options	Three Optional Modules: <u>Must include</u> Topics in Development and Transition and Economic History			
Research	Dissertation			

Teaching Timetables

- Published online:
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/pg/timetable/>
- Please check regularly as the timetables are subject to change at short notice.
- MSc E&IFE and MSc E&IO will have additional workshops in Term 2 – more details given at special induction meetings by coordinators Chris Doyle (E&IO), or Marcus Miller(E&IFE)

Econometrics A or B ?

(not applicable to MScEPS students)

- **Take B** if you are familiar with (or are prepared to fill in any gaps on your own):
 - Ordinary Least Squares
 - Tests of significance (t & F), Tests of linear restrictions
 - Properties of N, t, chi-squared, and F distributions
 - Multicollinearity, Prediction
 - Autocorrelation, Heteroscedasticity, Weighted Least Squares
 - Dummy variables, Endogeneity
- If in doubt, see **Gianna Boero**.

Econometrics A or B ?

- Econometrics A/B choice needs to be made by **Fri 14th October** (end of week 2) via eMR (E-vision Module Registration)
- Sign-up for Econometrics A/B Classes via my.economics by **Friday 14th October**.
- **No swapping** afterwards
- **No choice** for EPS students – NOT possible to do the first term of Econometrics B!

Term 2 Option Modules ?

- See Handbook and the MSc Webpages for available options
- **PROVISIONALLY** choose **THREE** from your list (differs between variants)
- **Then, you must register your provisional option choices with University via eMR**
- **Go to:** <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/> and click on **my.warwick**
 - follow the onscreen instructions and see help-sheet: (http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/pg/modules/emr_instructions_2011-2012.pdf)
 - Deadline Friday 21st October (end of week 3)
 - eMR choices automatically update on my.economics

Term 2 Option Modules ?

- For MSc Econ, Msc EIFE & MSc EIO: **one** IB-coded module can be chosen
- This year, three are available:
 - Derivative Securities (IB9X7)
 - Behavioural Finance (IB9Y2)
 - International Financial Markets (IB967)
- Numbers on these are capped, random selection used in the case of excess demand!

Term 2 Option Modules ?

- Note that initial choices are only provisional (an eMR constraint!)
- Advice session: 11-1pm Friday 7th December (week 9) – Room H0.52, Humanities
- Mandy can make changes on eMR for you during first three weeks of spring term
- Possible an option may not run due to low numbers

Departmental Research workshops and seminars

- **Research Seminar**
 - External (often international) speakers
 - Thursdays 16.00-17.30 in S2.79
 - and join us for drinks in Common Room afterwards
- **Specialist Seminars**
 - Mondays (Political Econ) 16.00-17.30 in S2.79
 - Tuesdays (CAGE/Empirical) 16.00-17.30 in S2.79
 - Wednesdays (CRETA/Theoretical) 16.00-17.30 in S2.79
- **See our webpages for details**

The MSc Distinguished Visitor Lecture

- One lecture in each of Terms 1 and 2
- Lecture given by distinguished professional or academic economist
- A chance to meet with the speaker afterwards
- Last year:
 - Vicky Pryce, Director General, Economics and Joint Head, UK Government Economic Service 2002-10
 - David Miles, MPC Member and Chief Economist, Merrill Lynch
- Speakers this year to be announced, time and place to be arranged

House Rules

- Absences at exams & tests and deadline extensions:
 - if possible, see your Personal tutor to explain
 - get medical notes etc **before**, not **after**
- Be here during term-time: contact points
- **NO** Summer internships or any other jobs
- Dissertation deadline – **absolute**
- Progression to dissertation – not automatic, depends on the number of failed exams
- Lecture Notes – practice varies

Pastoral Support

- Personal tutors
 - Already allocated
 - See your PT every term = PT Week **10th–14th Oct**
and 6th-10th Feb

Adviser to women students

Gianna Boero



Adviser to overseas students

Tom Bell



Institutional support

- The University Health Centre
 - Make sure you are registered with a GP – before you get sick
 - *NHS Direct* 0845 4647 and <http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/>
- The Students' Union
 - Advice and Welfare Services fact sheets on many subjects
 - study skills, changing/leaving your course,....emergency contraception
 - Nightline service
 - 9pm to 9am student-run listening service, Tel 22199

Institutional support

- The University International Office
 - Language and visa problems, accommodation and financial problems
- University Counselling Service
 - Senior Tutor's office
 - Personal/emotional problems, disability etc
 - www.warwick.ac.uk/services/tutors, 22761

Teaching quality

- Our teaching is “research-led”
 - Top marks in last “RAE” exercise
 - (with UCL, LSE, Essex and Oxford)
 - London School of Economics and Political Science 41.6 staff (!) submitted, 60% of work 4*, University of Warwick 49.6 staff submitted, 40% of work 4*
- Top marks in the last national “TQA”
 - Along with UCL and Essex

Teaching quality

- But it doesn't always go right
 - We want feedback
 - Module assessment via my.economics
 - End-of-year survey
 - If you are having problems on a module, see the lecturer first
 - Then, bring it up with your GSSLC rep
 - If all else fails – see me!
- And you can help

... Staff-Student Liaison

- We need student reps on GSSLC
 - 4 MSc, 2 Diploma & 2 PhD students
 - Ethnic/geographic/gender mix
- Please think about “standing” for this office
 - See the Graduate SSLC web pages
 - Don’t be shy - nominate yourself or a friend
 - Fill-in online form by 14th Oct (end of week 2)
 - a few words of background and a photo
 - Vote from 17th Oct to 21st Oct
 - We will email details to the “winners”
- First meeting to be confirmed

IT Services

- See what IT Services offers
 - <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/>
- Help
 - telephone to the Service Desk on ext. 73737,
 - Email the [ServiceDesk](#)
 - Visit the Drop-In Centre on the [first floor of the Library](#) - normally open 9:30am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Library

- The basics of library usage is part of Research Methods module
 - Electronic journals
 - Bibliographic databases
 - <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/>
- Opening hours
 - 08.30 – 00.00 (Weekdays & weekends)
 - Different in vacations

Life Skills

- Warwick Skills Certificate
 - Short courses in
 - IT, Communications
 - Creativity, Personal development
 - Career development, Academic skills
 - <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/skills/masters/>
- Foreign language skills
 - <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/languagecentre/>
- English Language skills
 - – email Centre for Applied Linguistics (CAL)

Life after Warwick

- Jobs
 - Check out the Careers Service
 - <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/careers/>
- PhD
 - Briefing in November at the University PG open day
 - Careers Service can help with this too
 - Staff have many connections elsewhere
- Discuss with your PT

And don't forget

- IT Services on-line registration (if not done already)
- Econometrics A/B (deadline 14th Oct on eMR and sign up for classes via my.economics)
- Module Registration on eMR (deadline 21st Oct)
- Research Methods: sign-up for workshops by Wed 5th Oct
- Teaching starts Monday of Week 2
- Check out the [handbook](#) for details

**Good luck with the
EC961 Introductory Maths &
Stats Exam on
Wed 12th Oct,
2.30-4.30pm in room L3**