

# Economics - A Level (AQA)

Economics includes the study of how people behave and interact with each other, as well as the dynamic between consumers, manufacturers and government. You'll look at the fundamental forces which affect our lives, such as employment, prices, international trade and poverty.

Economists are often in healthy debate with each other over these issues and it is this controversy which makes the subject lively and interesting and which allows you the opportunity to make your own judgements and form your own opinions.

There are several definitions of economics, with each trying to encapsulate the essence of the subject. However, most textbooks seem to agree that "economics concerns the allocation of society's scarce resources amongst the many alternative uses to which they could be put."

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Topics you may study include:

- **Microeconomics**  
Microeconomics addresses issues such as: "Why are house prices so high?", "Can pollution effectively be controlled?" and "Should governments interfere with markets?"
- **Macroeconomics**  
The macroeconomic issues covered include: "Why does the Government have an inflation rate target and how does it affect us?", "What happens to the economy if people decide to spend more?" and "How are we affected by the Chinese and Indian economies?"

## WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- Three GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and English Language, plus two further GCSEs at grade 4
- A reference from your previous school/college

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that A Levels are suitable for them

When applying for an A Level programme at Westminster Kingsway, please refer to the general entry requirements on our [A Level Courses](#) page as well as the subject-specific details listed above.

**Start Date: 1 September 2025**

**Duration: 2 Years**

**Attendance: Full Time**

**Center: King's Cross Centre**

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## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There will be 5 formal internal assessments that you will need to pass in order to progress into the 2nd year. At the end of the 2nd year, there are three public examinations.

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

AGED 16-18

If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

A Levels are widely regarded as the standard entry qualification for top universities in the UK, and the rest of the world. Many of our students go on to study for a degree at the university of their choice, with some choosing to progress into apprenticeships or other employment.

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