Get ready for BA(Hons) Economics

I hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto BA(Hons) Economics. Our department has produced an extensive programme to welcome you in September that will provide you with the kick-start you need to succeed.

As many of you will be soon thinking about preparing for your studies with us, I have provided some information below that will help you to plan and start smoothly. I look forward to meeting you.

Reinhard Weisser
Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme. Starting Block will help you settle into university and get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Have a go at these activities to start preparing for your programme and starting block.

If you'd like to read more about Economics, the website 'The Economy' is a great place to start. Do take a look – it's a great introduction to how 'The Economy' touches every part of our lives.

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- *The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times, and Ideas of the Great Economic Thinkers,* by Robert L. Heilbroner
- *Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science*, by Dani Rodrik
- *Animal Spirits*, by George Akerlof and Robert Shiller (both former Winners of the Nobel Prize)
- *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, by Daniel Kahneman (Winner of Nobel Prize)
- *A Brief History of Equality,* by Thomas Piketty
- *The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future*, by Joseph E. Stiglitz (Winner of Nobel Prize).
- *Money: Ideology, History, Politics*, by Geoffrey Ingham
- *23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism*, by Ha-Joon Chang
- *The Econocracy*, by Cahal Moran, Joe Earle, and Zach Ward Perkins
- *Material World*, by Ed Conway

These are books written for an interested and intelligent lay audience – they should therefore be accessible to you!

Make your module choices

As a second year, third year or Masters student you will have an opportunity to choose or change your optional module choices in the first few weeks of term. Please note that are no optional modules for first year students. On specific programmes the university will preselect optional modules for you, but you will have an opportunity to change them at the start of the term. For further information about who is eligible and how to change module choices, please visit the 'How to choose your modules' website.

Be prepared

Access support
Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped
The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students
The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Next steps
Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact me: **Reinhard Weisser** via email at Reinhard.Weisser@uwe.ac.uk
Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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