



Economics Reading List

These reading lists are intended for **prospective applicants**, not the current students already enrolled at those institutions and thus aim to provide a 'flavour' of the course. Not all the titles mentioned will actually be used in the teaching of the said programmes.

- Oxford: (BA Economics and Management programme) - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files...>
- Cambridge: (BA Economics) - <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/ba/Pre...>
- UCL and LSE: (BA Economics) - *"The Economics Department of both universities recommends the following short selection of books which prospective students might look at before coming to university, whether or not they have studied economics before. The first five contain relatively non-technical treatments of important economic issues from a variety of viewpoints but are discussed within the A-Level course taught at Chase Grammar School".*
- Diane Coyle, Sex, drugs and Economics (Texere)
- John McMillan, Reinventing the Bazaar (Norton)
- R. Rajan and L. Zingales, Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists (Princeton University Press)
- Amartya Sen, Development as Freedom (Oxford University Press)
- Joseph Stiglitz, Globalization and its Discontents (Penguin)

Anyone interested in the history of economics, the following are classic texts that span the test of time.

- Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations (Oxford Paperbacks)
- John Stuart Mill, Principles of Political Economy (Penguin Classics)
- John Maynard Keynes, A Tract on Monetary Reform (Prometheus Books)

Economics Websites

- [Economist Magazine](#) - I have made this the number 1 website because it contains so much useful information. This includes Special Reports, Daily News, Finance and Economics and Business. The best bit of the site for newcomers to economics is the Economics A-Z. You will see simple definitions of key economics terms. This is a great site.
- [BBC](#) - If you go to the news section and then head for the business news you will get instant access to all the latest economics stories. It provides a perfect overview written in a very accessible style. The BBC also has a good reputation for breaking key stories first.
- [EconomicsUK.com](#) - This is a superb economics web-based resource from David Smith, the economics editor of the Sunday Times. You will find great discussions in the forums as well as topical economics stories.
- [Federal Reserve](#) or [European Central Bank](#) or [Bank of England](#) - I have grouped these three websites together as they represent three of the main central banks. You will find a vast

range of informative economics content at these sites. This includes the latest schedule and details of the meetings of each bank.

- [FT.com](#) - As the advert once said "No FT No comment". This site has a fantastic range of current economic news and data. You should focus on the Markets and Markets Data sections in particular.
- [Bloomberg](#) - Some of my very keen and able students introduced me to this site. It is a superb source for news and comment on the world of economics and financial markets.
- [Guardian](#) - This is the homepage for the Guardian newspaper. If you follow the link to Business you will find a good range of current economics stories being analysed.
- [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) - This is the site for the US bureau of labor statistics. You will be able to access the latest data on US inflation and prices, unemployment and employment. This all has a huge impact on financial market movements worldwide.
- [Money Week](#) - This is a useful website for the Money Week Magazine. You will find a fantastic range of economics articles on the US, UK, Europe, Japan and Asia.
- [UK Statistics Authority](#) - This is the website that provides detailed economics data for the UK economy. From inflation to trade figures it is all here.