

Dear Freshers,

First and foremost, congratulations for being admitted into one of the world's finest institutions, and also into the world's leading Economic department in both fields of research and education.

We, The Economist's Society, welcome you to your new life as a student at University College London (UCL). The Economist's Society is the official departmental society for students in the Economics department in UCL, and we strive to enhance the student experience with the department. By joining our department, you are already a full member of our society.

Just in our third year of founding, we have grown to become an integral part of Economics at UCL. We run the Student Academic Representatives (StARs) programme, where student's thoughts, suggestions and feedback are put to the department in an open forum by elected StARs. In addition, we also organise speaker events for those with a deep interest in the subject. Last year, we brought in the likes of Vince Cable, Stephanie Flanders and Sir John Gieve and we have a fantastic schedule lined up for the coming year.

Our society also works closely with our friends in the Drayton Tribune and the UCLU societies, such as the Economics and Finance Society (EFS), Investment Society, Business Society. You can find out more about them during the Freshers Fair.



Of course, being a fresher is also about meeting new people, trying new things and generally having a great time. We are the only society on campus that can put on events exclusively for Economics students and we see this as a great way to form a bond with the friends that you will make in your journey in UCL. A true highlight of the year is our society's annual David Ricardo Easter Ball, a black-tie dinner/party at a top London club. The attendance of over three hundred students, high demand for tickets and the enthusiasm shown on the night support our vision for a more complete schedule of socials for economists.

We are also organizing an exciting (lots of fun, promised ;)) programme for you, consisting of events in London, as well as an overnight trip to Brighton to start the year with a bang. It's a fabulous way to start the year and get to know your fellow course mates. Information on our social events in Freshers week will be released shortly and tickets sell out quickly, so it maximises your utility if you move fast.

Getting to know your fellow course mates is what The Economist's Society is all about, and we strongly urge you to join the official Facebook group for all new L100 and L101 (year abroad), Econ/Geog and Econ/Philosophy students here.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCLEconomics2016/>

Several of the committee members and Year 2 and 3 seniors are in the group as well to answer any questions and give advice about the course, the department and life at UCL. You can find out more information about the society at <https://www.facebook.com/TheEconomistsSociety> and <http://www.economistssociety.org/>

Congratulations on choosing UCL and once again, welcome to the family!

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