Diploma in Economics

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Academic Direction: London School of Economics & Political Science

A guide to studying with SAA Global Education, a Diploma-teaching institution.
About the University of London
Established in 1836, the University of London is one of the world’s oldest universities. As a family of 19 world-class Colleges and acclaimed Institutes, the University of London has an international reputation for academic distinction in teaching and research.

The University of London has offered degrees through the University of London International Programmes since 1858. Today there are nearly 50,000 students of the University of London International Programmes, studying on more than 100 different programmes.

About SAA-Global Education, a Diploma-teaching Institution
- SAA-GE is the education arm of the Singapore’s National Accountancy Body, the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore – ICPAS that confers the prestigious "CPA Singapore" designation to its members
- SAA-GE trains Accountants as well as prospective accountants since 1985
- SAA-GE lecturers have produced ACCA prize winners &/or UOL 1st class honours graduates

The Diploma in Economics: An entry route to Degree Study
If you do not have the traditional GCE ‘A’ levels or their equivalent, the Diploma in Economics provides an entry route to the University of London degrees in the fields of Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences (EMFSS).

Features of the Diploma in Economics
- The academic content and assessment for the University of London Diploma in Economics is by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).
- You take the same Level 100 courses as those offered to degree students.
- You can complete these Diplomas in a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 5.

If you pass all 4 courses of the diploma, you will be awarded the Diploma in Economics.

You may also transfer into the second year of the University of London International Programmes EMFSS degree, if you pass two full courses of the Diploma including a Maths or Stats examination – however you will not be awarded a Diploma if you transfer in this way.
After you have transferred, you will need to take and pass any Foundation courses you have not yet passed that are compulsory on the degree you are transferring to.

Participation Requirements
- You need to prepare for and attend all study skills lessons in Mathematics and English on top of the normal lectures and tutorials – 90% attendance requirement.
- You will also need to put in a genuine attempt for all class tests, assignments and mock examinations. If you do not fulfil the requirements, you will NOT be allowed to enter for the 100% unseen written University of London examinations in May/June.
Entry Requirements

• 18 years or older before 31 December in the year you first register with the University
• be admitted after full testing by SAA-GE, a Diploma-teaching institution. You CANNOT study independently for these Diplomas
  - Passed SAA-GE Entrance test in English and Mathematics and having indicated your writing ability through writing a discursive essay
  - Passed an Entrance interview with two SAA-GE academics

SAA-GE Admission Requirements Guideline

Singapore
• 5 GCE ‘O’ level passes including passes in English & Mathematics with partial or incomplete GCE ‘A’ level or polytechnic diploma to indicate your ability to study at degree level.

China
• Senior High School Learning Certificate minimum average score of 70% (preferably at least 70% for Mathematics & English).
• Senior High School Certificate + NCEE minimum score of 60% (preferably at least 65% for Mathematics & English).

Indonesia
• SMA UAN minimum score of 7.0 each for best 7 subjects (preferably 7.0 at least for Mathematics & English).

India
• Senior High School Certificate (from ICSE or CBSE) minimum average score of 70% for 5 subjects (for Mathematics, preferably 80% at least at year 10 or 70% at least at year 12).

Korea
• High School Diploma minimum average score of 70% (preferably at least 70% for Mathematics & English).

Malaysia
• 5 SPM passes including passes in English & Mathematics (preferably A1 or A2 in Mathematics).
  In addition, on the basis of formal qualifications such as STPM certificate or IB to indicate your ability to study at degree level.
• Unified Examination Certificate: 5 credit passes at A1 to B6 (Passes in English & Mathematics at B3 & above preferred)

Myanmar and Cambodia
• Basic Education High School minimum average score of 75% (preferably at least 75% for Mathematics & 70% for English).

Vietnam
• Senior High School Certificate (Hoc Ba) minimum score of 7.0 each for best 5 subjects (preferably 7.0 at least for Mathematics & English).
Programme Structure
The 4 courses of the diploma are:

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<tr>
<td>EC1002</td>
<td>Introduction to Economics</td>
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<td>MT105a &amp; ST104a</td>
<td>Mathematics 1 (1/2 course) &amp; Statistics 1 (1/2 course)</td>
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<td>AC1025</td>
<td>Principles of Accounting</td>
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<td>MN1107</td>
<td>Introduction to Business &amp; Management</td>
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The first 4 chapters of the subject guides as well as past year exam papers and examiners’ commentaries are available at:
http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/community-support-resources/current-students/emfss-programme-resources/subject-guides

Progression Pathway
You will receive credit for the courses you have passed and progress to the following EMFSS degrees:
- BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance
- BSc (Hons) Banking & Finance
- BSc (Hons) Business
- BSc (Hons) Economics & Management
- BSc (Hons) Accounting with Law

Other Progression Options
There are currently over 15 universities in the UK, including LSE that may consider you for entry if you pass the Diploma with very high marks and have taken the appropriate units to the degree that you will be pursuing.
To be considered for a place, you will need to apply through UCAS (www.ucas.com/students/apply), stating that you are applying for 2nd year entry.

Diploma Classification
Students may be awarded the Diploma in Economics with Distinction, Merit or Credit, only if they have taken no more than one resit (of a full or half course).
Students who have re-sat more than one course (full or half) or who have re-sat one course (full or half) on more than one occasion will be awarded with a Pass instead if they have passed all four full courses or the equivalent.

To be awarded the Diploma in Economics or the Diploma in Social Sciences with Distinction, Merit or Credit, all four marks must be 40 or higher. In general, you will be awarded the diploma class if three marks are in that diploma class.

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<td>First Class Honours</td>
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<td>Lower Second Class Honours</td>
<td>Credit</td>
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<td>Third Class Honours</td>
<td>Pass</td>
<td>40 – 49</td>
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<td>Fail</td>
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Programme Delivery
University of London International Programmes students receive a range of resources, including a copy of the UOL student handbook, subject guides, access to the Online Library, the Virtual Learning Environment, past year exam papers and examiners’ commentaries.

In addition, SAA-GE academics provide students with supplementary notes, conduct lectures, tutorials, study skills lessons and intensive revisions to prepare students for the actual examination.

Tutorial size is capped at 15 students per tutorial group with 1 ½ hr is allocated for each lecture and each tutorial per course. All lessons are held in a classroom based environment from: 9.30am to 11am, 11.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 3.30pm and 4pm to 5.30pm.

Academic Calendar

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<th>Term</th>
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<th>End Date</th>
<th>Duration</th>
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<td>Term 1:</td>
<td>30 July 12</td>
<td>28 Sep 12</td>
<td>9 weeks</td>
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<td>Self Study Week:</td>
<td>29 Sep 12</td>
<td>07 Oct 12</td>
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<td>Term 2:</td>
<td>08 Oct 12</td>
<td>07 Dec 12</td>
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<td>Half Mock Exam:</td>
<td>10 Dec 12</td>
<td>14 Dec 12</td>
<td>1 week</td>
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<td>Dec Break:</td>
<td>15 Dec 12</td>
<td>01 Jan 13</td>
<td>3 weeks</td>
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<td>Term 3:</td>
<td>02 Jan 13</td>
<td>01 Mar 13</td>
<td>8 weeks</td>
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<td>(Chinese New Year break: 09 – 17 Feb)</td>
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<td>Full Mock Exam:</td>
<td>04 Mar 13</td>
<td>15 Mar 13</td>
<td>2 weeks</td>
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<td>Intensive Revision:</td>
<td>18 Mar 13</td>
<td>19 Apr 13</td>
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Programme Fees
Total fees for completing the Diploma in Economics in one year is approximately S$10,000

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For international students: Course, FPS and Medical Insurance Fees are only payable upon approval of the Student’s Pass.
SAA-GE City Campus
(Beside Somerset MRT Station)
TripleOne Somerset, Level 6.

Buses: 7, 14, 14e, 16, 36, 65, 111, 123, 124, 128, 143
162, 162m, 174, 174e, 175, 502, 502a, 502b

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Scape Skate Park

Pan Pacific Serviced Suites

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Orchard Central

Orchard Gateway

Somerset

Somerset MRT

Scape Skate Park

Scape Youth Park

National Youth Council

Orchard Road

Somerset Road

Exeter Road