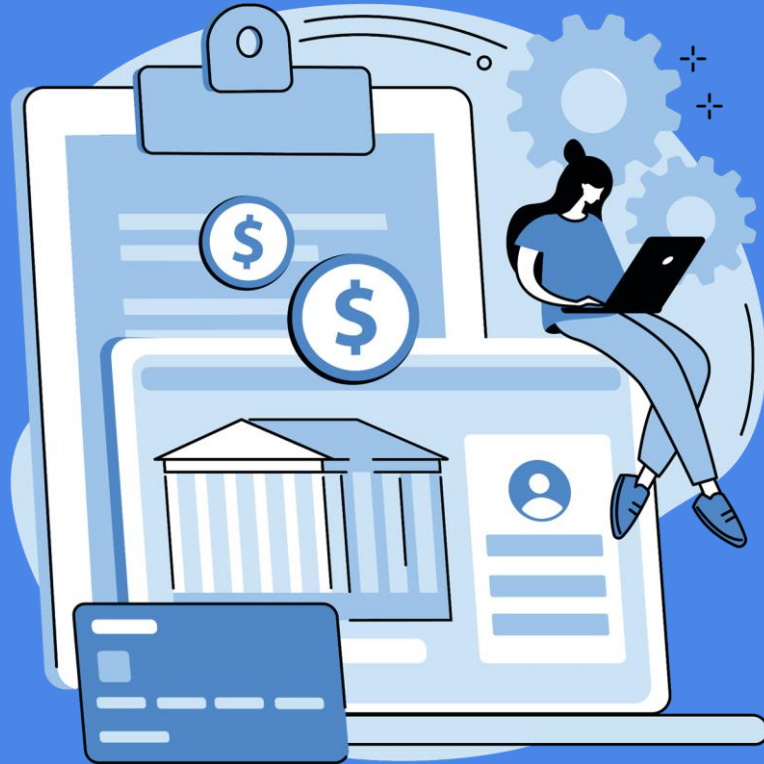


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What Does UCAS Say...?

Entry Requirements:

Not many colleges or sixth forms offer the option to study economics. So, you'll be looking for good grades in maths, mainly. Subjects like statistics and business will also be useful in your application. Expect to face some steep grade expectations in your conditional offers, as competition for economics degrees can be high.

A levels – Entry requirements range from BCC to AAA, with the universities and colleges most commonly asking for AAB.

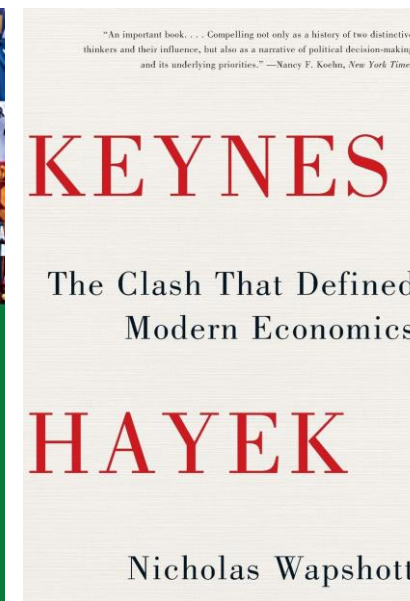
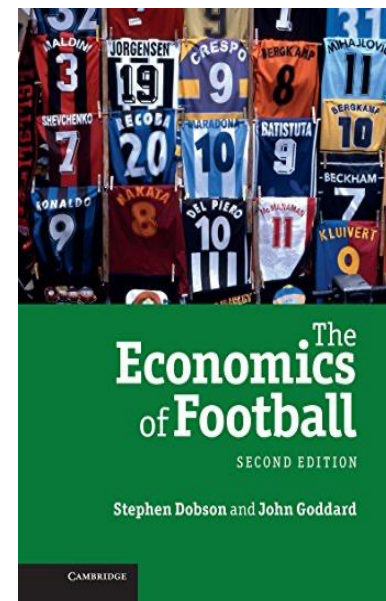
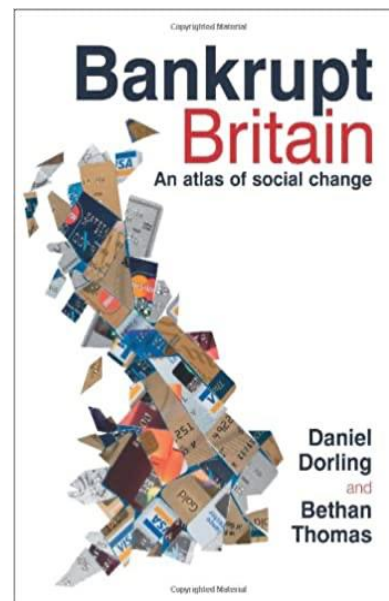
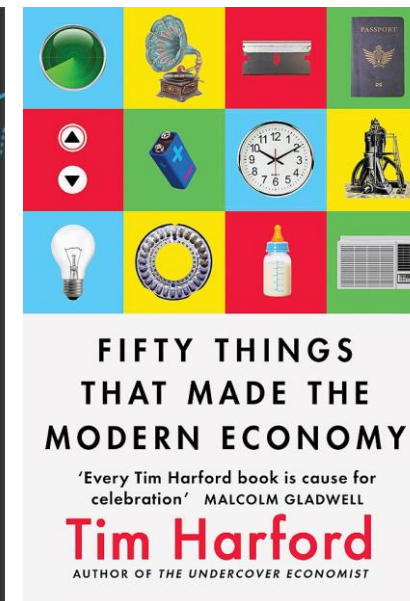
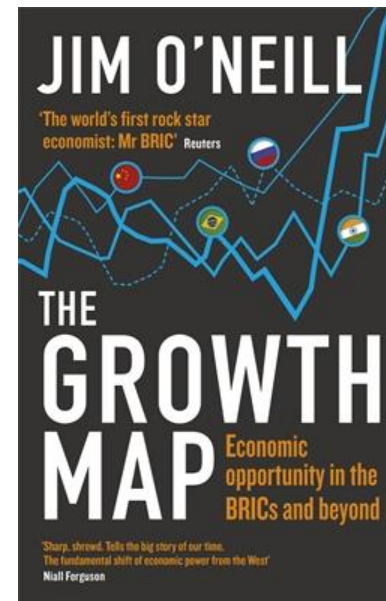
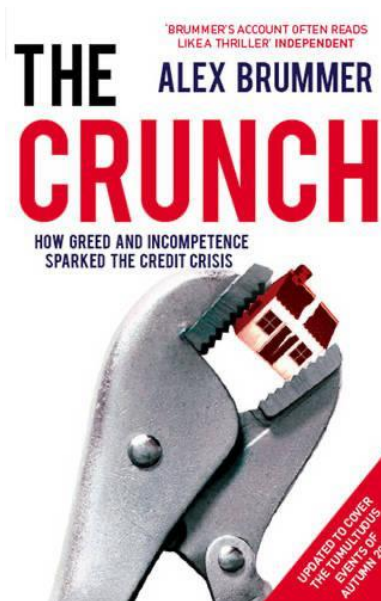
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As for skills to demonstrate in your application, universities will be looking for analysis, data handling, problem-solving, critical thinking, and research ability.

Maths is one of the most important subjects for an economics application, but it's not always a requirement. There are normally only a couple of maths intensive modules, and less so for a BA as opposed to a BSc. Contact your university for more information.



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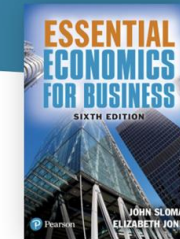
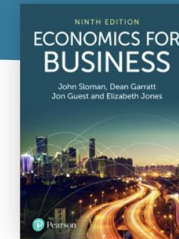
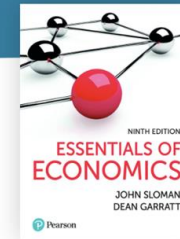
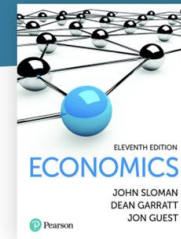
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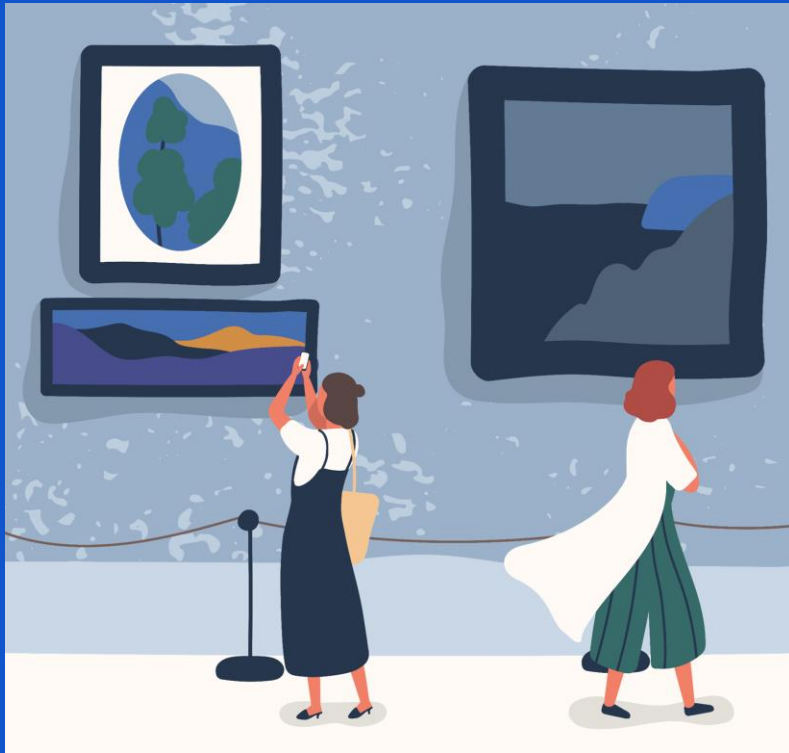


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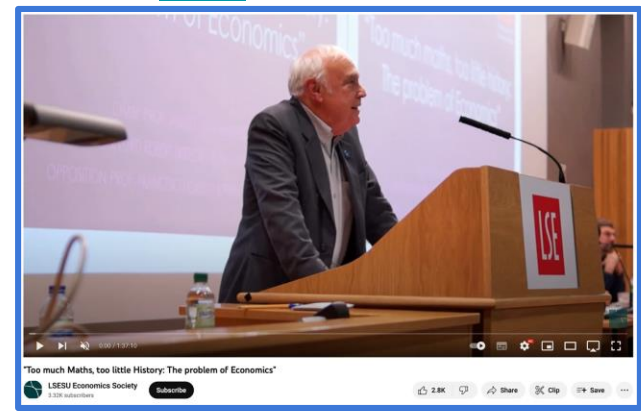
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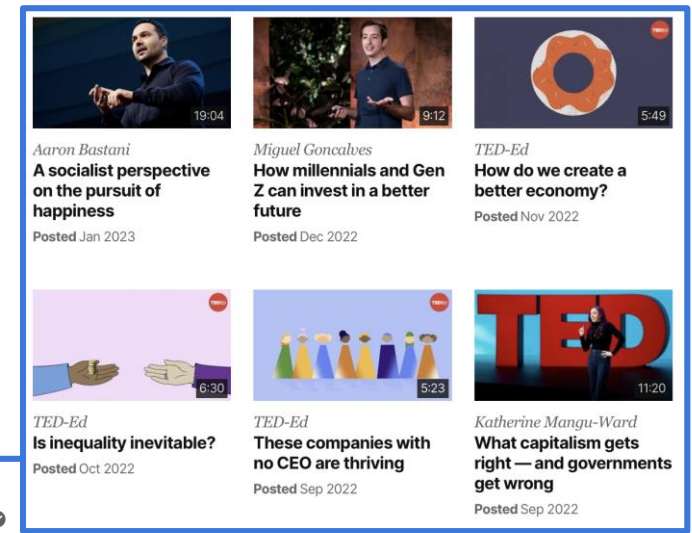



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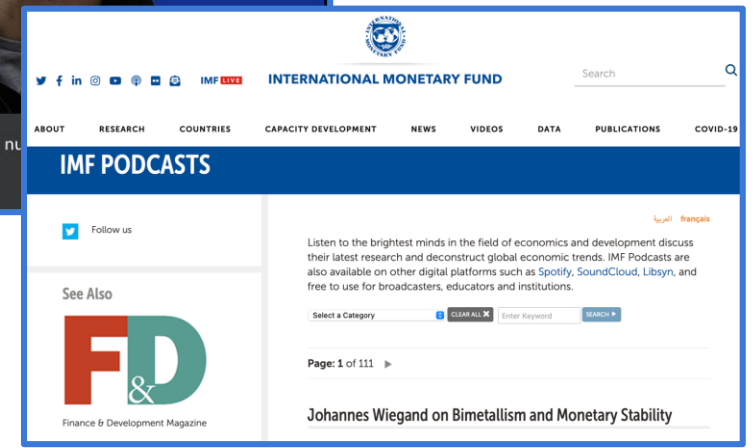
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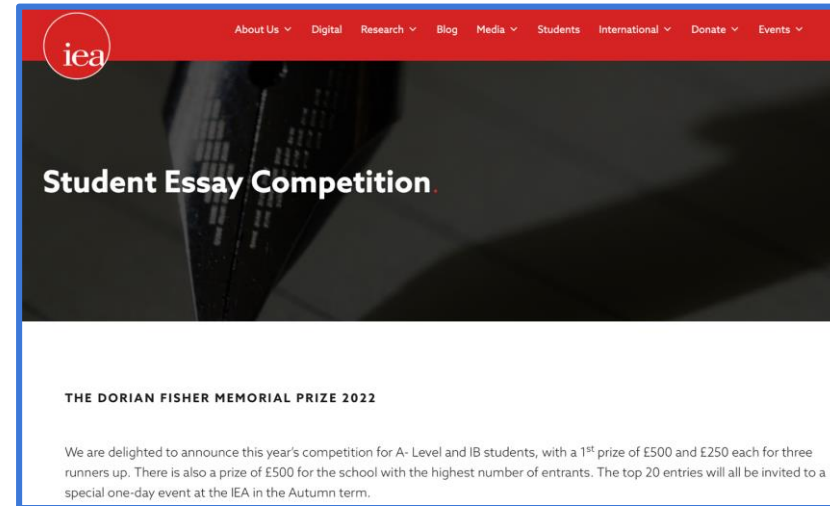
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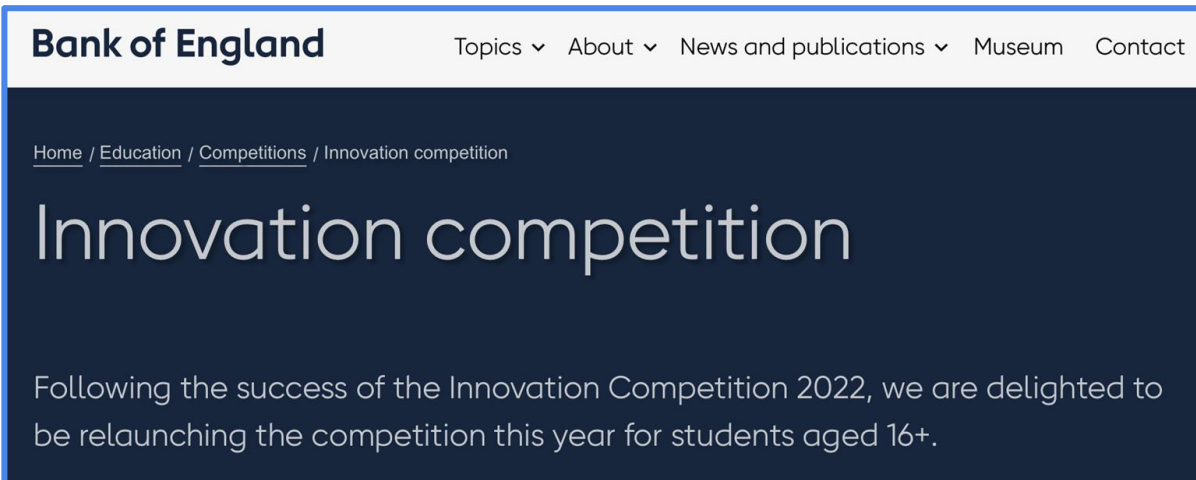


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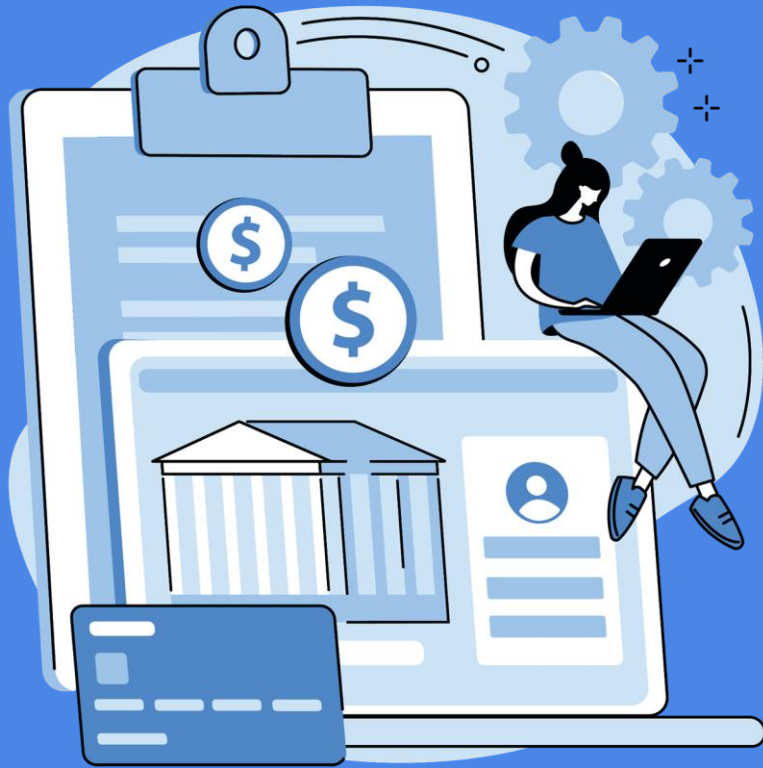
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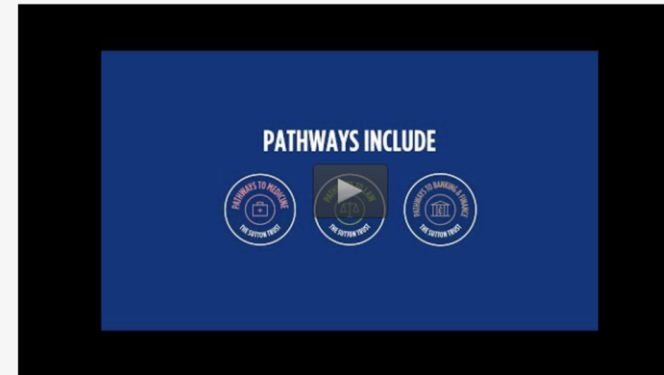
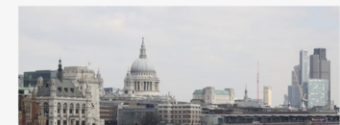
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