

Economics Suggested Reading

Economics is a multidisciplinary subject which touches many different aspects of our lives. If you think you might be interested in studying it at university, start exploring the subject to see what it has to offer. Below are some suggestions of where you might want to start, but the key to enjoying a subject and getting the most out of it is to follow your nose and look into what interests you. Starting with something more general and then asking yourself 'What do I want to know more about?' will help guide you towards reading which you will find interesting.

- 1. Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner.**
This is a definitive introductory text for anyone considering studying Economics at university and, if you like it, you can also check out **Superfreakonomics!**
- 2. The Undercover Economist, Tim Harford.**
Another excellent introductory text which explores how Economics impacts our everyday lives in unexpected ways. If you like this, have a look at Harford's website for more of his work, <http://timharford.com/>.
- 3. What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets, Michael Sandel.**
A fascinating read which explores the need for there to be limits on the influence of market forces in our everyday lives.
- 4. Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo.**
An interesting text for anyone interested in how the discipline of Economics engages with the issue of poverty and international development.
- 5. The Smartest Guys in the Room, directed by Alex Gibney.**
This documentary will provide an interesting new insight into the world of corporate failure.
- 6. This youtube video provide a fun summary of a Cambridge 1st year macroeconomics textbook**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk_pfiSQhwU
- 7. This youtube video explains Keynes v Hayek economic theory.**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0nERTFo-Sk>
- 8. Free lectures.**
There are lots of free public lectures which take place in London. These cover a range of subjects so it is worth looking at their programmes to find something that interests you. The following websites are good places to look if you want to find a lecture to attend:
 - **London School of Economics**
<http://www.lse.ac.uk/publicEvents/eventsHome.aspx>
 - **The Royal Society**
<http://www.royalsociety.org>
All events are free, though in some cases pre-registration is necessary.
 - **Gresham College**
<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/>
Gresham College hosts lots of free lectures – plus the lectures are also available online