## MH415 - BSc Economics (Integrated with MSc Economics)

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## 8- Why integrated with MSc Economics?

MSc Economics pushes you up into a higher entry level when you go into a job, and you are on a steeper career path. A man with a master's degree gets nearly 9% increase in annual earnings. And for a woman the corresponding figure is nearly 19%. Over your whole career that adds up to a big benefit of doing a master's in Economics. It's not just about money. You also get to do more interesting work. In a lot of graduate jobs, there's an element of doing a bit of drudge work for a year or two at the beginning of the job. You skip through that faster, so that makes it more interesting. And then of course there are some jobs that you just can't do without a master. So particularly a lot of our graduates become professional economists. If you want to be a professional economist, you need a master's. There are lots of jobs available for professional economists in Ireland not least because the civil service is ramping up its demand for economists. They find it hard to find high-calibre people for those jobs. So, the benefits are both financial and in terms of the kind of job you can do.

Yes. You have the Erasmus/ Study Abroad option after the first two years of BSc Economics in Maynooth campus (depending on availability).