Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Undergraduate Degrees 2021
Welcome

Our personal lives, our societies and our political institutions are shaped by economic forces. Economic activity has a political dimension and both politics and economics raise a host of deeper philosophical questions including questions about what matters (money? power?) and what is fair (rewarding hard work? making sure everyone has an equal chance, or an equal share?).

#8 for Politics
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020

Powerful Research
1st in the UK for Research Impact (Most recent Research Excellence Framework)

#3 for Career
after 6 months for Politics
The Guardian University Guide 2020

Valuable Work Experience
Placement year and shorter work experience options

Flexible structure with a wide choice of modules

Study Abroad Opportunities
Study abroad and vacation travel options

Knowledge
Use optional modules to specialise or broaden your knowledge

Excellent teaching
Gold standard in the Teaching Excellence Framework 2017

Your career
Suitable for many different career paths

Welcome

Develop your professional experience

Placements and internships are great ways to gain work experience, make professional contacts and help you decide your career path. A wide range of opportunities is available and some provide credit towards your degree. There is a competitive process to apply for these opportunities so they are not guaranteed; however, we will help you to prepare for this process, which in itself is excellent experience to gain. Voluntary activities are another great way to build work experience and make a positive impact on the world around you.

Placement Year
You can apply to study PPE with a placement year. With specialist support and dedicated modules, you will apply for a professional, paid work placement in Year 3 and return to Lancaster to complete your degree in Year 4. Previous Lancaster University students have worked with companies as diverse as Johnson + Johnson, Warner Bros, Microsoft, Marks & Spencer, and Walt Disney.

Faculty Internships
Faculty internships are typically four to six week placements, which are available in the summer vacation or on a part-time basis during term time. They provide work experience in small and medium sized businesses, as well as third sector and not-for-profit organisations. Past employers have included Carnegie Publishing, The Dukes Theatre, and the Ethical Consumer Research Association, with roles ranging from marketing and PR to specific research projects with heritage or humanitarian organisations.

The Richardson Institute Internship Programme
The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion is home to the Richardson Institute, which undertakes cutting-edge research in peace and conflict. Typically, each year the Institute offers over 60 internships to undergraduate and postgraduate students to undertake research projects for external organisations. Research themes include religion and borders, and religion and conflict situations.

Working with Schools and Alumni
We offer a third year module that provides the opportunity to work with sixth form students and successful alumni who work in politics, the Civil Service, the media and NGOs. Through a combination of activities, such as preparing digital and written materials for use with schools, you will develop a range of skills in communication, analysis, mentoring, feedback and writing. This experience will boost your CV, particularly if you want to work in teaching or the public and charity sectors.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements
**Year 1**

In Year 1, you will gain a firm grounding in each of the three disciplines while developing your writing skills and analytic abilities.

- **Introduction to Philosophy**
- **Politics in the Modern World**
- **Principles of Economics B**

You are introduced to some key areas in philosophy, for example, epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and critical thinking. You also develop the background in knowledge and critical skills necessary to study philosophical topics in more detail in years 2 and 3. No prior study of philosophy is required.

You’ll explore key themes in the study of modern politics, and gain critical insight into the nature and use of political power in the contemporary world. You will learn about: the foundations of the modern nation-state; the behaviour of individuals and groups in political contexts; the workings of national constitutions and international organisations; the interaction of global events and domestic agendas.

This module is in two parts, the first covers microeconomic analysis, including the theory of demand, costs and pricing under various forms of industrial organisation, and welfare economics. Many applications of theoretical models are examined. The second part covers macroeconomic analysis, including national income analysis, monetary theory, business cycles, inflation, unemployment, and the great macroeconomic debates.

**Placement Year Degree**

You will take an additional module that offers insight into the graduate job market, and develops your ability to present yourself effectively to employers.

**Gold TEF Excellence Framework 2017**

Gold standard in the Teaching Excellence Framework 2017

Please note that we keep our degree programmes under constant review, and also regularly update and introduce new modules. In any academic year, the list of modules offered and course structure may therefore differ from that presented here.

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**Year 2**

Over years 2 and 3, you will take 25% of your modules in each of the three subjects. For the remaining 25%, you can choose modules from any of the three subjects.

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We recommend you take as one of your Philosophy modules:
- Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics

We recommend you take as part of your Politics selection the two ‘Economics for the Real World’ modules:
- Understanding Key Economic Concepts
- Exploring Key Economic Issues

You will take either a practice route:
- Microeconomic Analysis
- Macroeconomic Analysis

Or a theory route (open to those with an A-level):
- Intermediate Microeconomics 1
- Intermediate Macroeconomics 1

Select optional Philosophy, Politics or Economics modules.

**Year 2 optional modules**

**Philosophy:**
- Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics (recommended)
- Idealism, Empiricism, and Criticism in 18th Century Philosophy
- Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Mind-Body Problem
- Moral Philosophy
- Nineteenth Century Philosophy
- Philosophy of Science
- Values and Objectivity

**Politics:**
- Understanding Key Economic Concepts: Economics for the Real World (recommended)
- Exploring Key Economic Issues: Economics for the Real World (recommended)
- China’s International Relations
- Government of the United States
- International Relations and Politics of the Asia Pacific
- International Relations, Security and Sustainability
- The Politics of Development: Latin America

**Economics:**
- Applied Economics
- Economic Policy
- Game Theory
- Intermediate Microeconomics 2*
- Intermediate Macroeconomics 2*

* Only open to those with an A-level in Maths.
## Year 3

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<td>Dissertation: you will work over two terms on a 10,000 word dissertation with guidance from an academic with relevant expertise. OR</td>
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### Year 3 optional modules

**Philosophy:**
- + Aesthetics
- + Continental Philosophy
- + Darwinism and Philosophy
- + Feminist Philosophy
- + Future Generations
- + Logic and Language
- + The Imagination

**Politics:**
- + Africa and Global Politics
- + Britain in the World
- + Complexity, Pragmatism and Policy
- + Contemporary Issues in Human Rights
- + Contemporary Issues in the Middle East
- + Counterculture and Protest Politics
- + International Political Economy of Globalisation
- + Politics of Cultural Diversity
- + Politics of Global Danger
- + Race and American Politics
- + Religion and Politics
- + Understanding External Intervention in Violent Conflicts

**Economics:**
- + Applied Macroeconomics
- + Monetary Macroeconomics
- + Industrial Organisation
- + Development Economics
- + International Economics
- + International Business
- + Labour Economics
- + Behavioural and Experimental Economics
- + Public Economics
- + Health Economics
- + Sports Economics

*Some Year 3 modules require students to have followed a theory route in Year 2.*

### Placement Year Degree

Placement year students spend Year 3 on a professional work placement. In your final year, you will select from the optional PPE modules listed above, alongside a 10-credit module, Work Based Learning Reflection. You will reflect on your placement experience and highlight your key successes and achievements.

### Your global experience

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your College or your Students’ Union.

#### Study abroad

Grow in independence and confidence while immersing yourself in a new culture and way of learning. At Lancaster, you can apply to study abroad for the whole of your second year, providing a unique experience to add to your CV. Our current partner universities are located in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, the Netherlands and the USA. You register your interest and apply for your preferred destination once you arrive at Lancaster. Living in another country and studying your subjects from a different perspective offers considerable benefit both in terms of your understanding of the subject and your preparation for life after university.

#### Vacation travel

The Global Experiences team also organises shorter overseas trips during the vacation periods. During the summer vacation, there are usually three-week trips to destinations such as Malaysia, India, Ghana and China. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as academic study and cultural discovery.

In the Easter vacation, we typically offer a ten-day trip to New York and Boston. For example, in 2019 our U.S. trip visited:
- The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, where we discussed U.S. civil rights and J.F.K.’s presidency.
- The United Nations, where we met with a UN official to discuss their role.
- The 9/11 Memorial Museum, where we gained perspective on the impact of 9/11 on the U.S.

Find out more: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience)
Degrees and entry requirements

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Entry requirements: AAB with GCSE Mathematics Grade B or 6, English Language Grade C or 4, or equivalents.

For information on fees, scholarships and any additional costs you might need to consider, please see our website. www.lancaster.ac.uk/study

Your future career

Studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics opens the door to a wide range of graduate careers. Graduate employers seek individuals with keen intellectual and critical skills, independence of mind, and clarity of communication.

Lancaster University has an excellent track record for graduate employment, and for graduates who continue to postgraduate study.

This degree will equip you for a range of careers in organisations such as:

+ Civil and Diplomatic Services
+ Politics and Government
+ International Charities and Non-Government Organisations
+ Teaching and Education
+ International Finance and Banking
+ Journalism and Media
+ Business, Management and Consultancy

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Important information

The information in this leaflet relates primarily to 2021/22 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is correct at the time of printing in May 2020. The University will use all reasonable effort to deliver the course as described but the University reserves the right to make changes after going to print. You are advised to consult our website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/study for up-to-date information before you submit your application. Further legal information may be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice.