Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Undergraduate Degrees 2022
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?).

**Joint #11 for Politics**
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021

**#13 for Careers**
after 6 months for Politics
The Guardian University Guide 2021

**Powerful Research**
1st in the UK for Research Impact (Most recent Research Excellence Framework 2014)

**Flexibility**
Flexible structure with a wide choice of modules

**Valuable Work Experience**
Placement year and shorter work experience options

**Study Abroad Opportunities**
Study abroad and vacation travel options

**Knowledge**
Use optional modules to specialise or broaden your knowledge

**Your career**
Suitable for many different career paths

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. 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. 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, 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 a number of internships to undergraduate and postgraduate students to undertake research projects for external organisations. Research themes include sectarianism, identity and belonging, environmental issues, desectarianization and urban politics.

Find out more at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements)

*Please note that overseas opportunities may be impacted by international travel or Government border restrictions.*
One great advantage of studying PPE at Lancaster is that we offer a flexible, modular degree programme. This means that you can shape your degree to fit with your preferences and spend time discovering what you enjoy and exploring thoroughly the areas that interest you most. If you find that you have a strong preference for one or two of the three core subjects, you have the option to change your degree at the end of the first year and switch to a single or joint honours degree in Politics, Philosophy or Economics.

**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, philosophy of mind, 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.

Your degree

**BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)**

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

### Year 2 modules

- **Philosophy 25%**
- **Politics 25%**
- **Economics 25%**
- **Optional Modules 25%**

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

We recommend you take as one of your Politics modules:
- State & Economy: Between Market and Demos

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

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

Select two optional Philosophy, Politics or Economics modules.

#### Philosophy:
- Ethics and Politics of Knowledge
- Indian Philosophical and Religious Thought
- Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Mind-Body Problem
- Modern Political Thought: Equality and Community
- Moral Philosophy
- Nineteenth Century Philosophy
- Philosophy of Science
- Values and Objectivity
- Western Philosophy and Religious Thought

#### Economics:
- Applied Economics
- Environmental Economics
- Game Theory
- Intermediate Microeconomics 2*
- Intermediate Macroeconomics 2*
- Introductory Econometric Analysis
- Introductory Mathematics for Economics
* Only open to those with an A-level in Maths.

#### Politics:
- China's International Relations
- Counterculture and Protest Politics
- European Union Politics
- Exploring Politics, Religion and Values
- Government of the United States
- International Relations and Politics of the Asia Pacific
- International Relations, Security and Sustainability
- The Politics of Development: Latin America
- Peace Studies in Action
- Politics and History of the Middle East
- Politics of Development
- Power in British Politics: The Role of the Prime Minister
- Public Policy
- Research Methods in Politics
- Russian (Inter)national Politics
- The Politics of Religion and Gender

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.
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 Europe, Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Canada 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

Alternatively, there are usually shorter options in the Easter or summer vacation to destinations such as the US, Malaysia, India, Ghana and China. These programmes include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery. You may also be able to attend a summer school at one of our many overseas partner universities.

In the Easter vacation, we have previously offered a ten-day trip to New York and Boston. In 2019 our U.S. trip visited:

+ 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

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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 other entry qualifications, such as BTECs and International Baccalaureate, as well as 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 2022/23 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is correct at the time of publication in May 2021. The University will use all reasonable effort to deliver the course as described but the University reserves the right to make changes after publication. 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.

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