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?)

At Lancaster you will study PPE with the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR); ranked in the top 20 in the UK for Philosophy and Politics (Times Good University Guide 2019). Your Economics modules will be taught by the quadruple-accredited Lancaster University Management School, in a department ranked 12th in the UK for Economics (Times Good University Guide 2019). Read on to find out more about what studying a PPE degree at Lancaster entails, including the wide range of modules on offer to you, how you can take advantage of opportunities to study abroad, or undertake a placement year with PPE at Lancaster.

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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 (such as placement modules) 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. 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. 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.

Politics Employability and Engagement through Outreach
This third year module provides the opportunity to work with sixth form students and successful PPR 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 in outreach work, 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 lancaster.ac.uk/fass-placements
Your degree
BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

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 gives you flexibility to change degree programme at the end of your first year. This enables you to spend time discovering what you enjoy and exploring thoroughly the areas that interest you most.

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. If you are on a placement year degree, you will also take a non-credit-bearing module that offers insight into the graduate job market, and develops your ability to present yourself effectively to employers.

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.

You have to pass your first year (Part I) to proceed to Part II (2nd and 3rd years), but your Part I marks do not count towards your final degree classification.

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

Year 2

Over years 2 and 3, you will take at least 25% of your modules in each of the three subjects. The remaining 25% can be split up evenly, or, if you want, you can “weight” one subject more heavily than the others.

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 optional Philosophy, Politics or Economics modules.

You are recommended to take as one of your Philosophy modules:
+ Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics
+ Understanding Key Economic Concepts
+ Exploring Key Economic Issues

We recommend you take as part of your Politics selection the two "Economics for the Real World" modules:
+ Microeconomic Analysis
+ Macroeconomic Analysis

Please note that some Economics modules are open only to those with an A-level in Maths.

Philosophy:
+ Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics
+ Epistemology
+ 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
+ Exploring Key Economic Issues
+ 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
+ Understanding Liberty: Theory and Practice
+ Peace Studies in Action
+ Politics and History of the Middle East
+ Politics of Development and Global Changes
+ Power in British Politics: The Role of the Prime Minister
+ Public Policy
+ Russian (Inter)national Politics
+ The Politics of Race

Economics:
+ Applied Economics
+ Economic Policy
+ Game Theory
+ Intermediate Microeconomics 2
+ Intermediate Macroeconomics 2
+ Some Economics modules are open only to those with an A-level in Maths.

Work Based Learning Preparation
If you are on a placement year degree you will take this 10-credit core module. You will prepare an action plan and complete a personality assessment exercise to help you maximise the opportunities for learning and development that your placement will provide.

Module: Work Based Learning Preparation
Title: Work Based Learning Preparation
Credit: 10
Module Leader: [Name]
Department: Business School
Faculty: Management
School: Faculty of Management

Introduction to Philosophy

Politics in the Modern World

Principles of Economics B

Year 2 Optional Modules
Year 3

Select optional Philosophy modules. Select optional Politics modules. Select optional Economics modules. You will take either: Dissertation: you will work one-to-one over two terms on a 10,000 word dissertation.
OR
Special subject classes: These don’t have exams and are assessed by a 5,000 word dissertation.
OR
Select optional Philosophy, Politics or Economics modules.

Year 3 Optional Modules

**Philosophy:**
- Aesthetics
- Continental Philosophy
- Darwinism and Philosophy
- Environmental Philosophy
- Feminist Philosophy
- Future Generations
- Logic and Language
- The Ethics of Belief and Ignorance
- 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 Employability and Engagement Through Outreach
- 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
Placement year students spend Year 3 on a professional work placement and complete a 10-credit assessment that involves developing a learning agreement and engaging in reflective activities to support your professional development. 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, supporting you with your ongoing career development.

Your global experience

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and 144 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 have the opportunity 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 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**
Discover a new world in the Easter and Summer vacation periods with our study trips to destinations around the globe. You will return with a CV that truly stands out from the crowd in the increasingly global world of work.

In the Easter vacation, we currently offer a ten-day trip to New York and Boston in which you join fellow students and lecturers from your faculty to take part in academic, cultural and personal development activities. During the summer, we typically run one-week trips to European countries, and three-week trips further afield, to destinations such as Malaysia, India and China. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as academic study and cultural discovery.

Find out more: lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience
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.

Here are just a few examples of some of the diverse and varied careers our recent graduates have gone into 6 months on from graduation, according to the most recent Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey:

- Postgraduate study
- Teaching and education
- Recruitment
- Logistics management
- Project management

Your future career

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

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