Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) explores the events and ideas that make up our world today. 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 issues 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?).

PPE combines key areas of economics, analysis of political structures, and philosophical argument. The degree offers lots of flexibility to focus on topics that interest you – for example, political ideas, comparative politics, or the relation between states and markets.

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

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

**Study abroad opportunities**
Study abroad and vacation travel options

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

**High quality**
High quality teaching by friendly, expert academic staff
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 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**
  - You are introduced to some key areas in philosophy, for example, epistemology, free will, and critical thinking. You will learn about other traditions of philosophy, including central ideas of Indian philosophy and "continental philosophy." 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.

- **Politics in the Modern World**
  - 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.

- **Economic Principles and Applications B**
  - The first part of this module provides a thorough introduction to Microeconomics (including the theory of demand, costs and pricing under various forms of market structure, and welfare economics). The second part provides a thorough introduction to Macroeconomics (including national income analysis, monetary theory, business cycles, inflation, unemployment, and the great macroeconomic debates).

OR

- **International Relations**
  - Alternatively, you can take our first year module in International Relations. This gives you a firm grounding in the concepts and debates necessary to understand modern international politics. You will learn about the dominant features and power relations of the contemporary global system; the nature of sovereignty and security, their expression and limitations; and the central problems confronting the international community today.

In part three, we cover the key mathematical tools required for a good understanding of Economics (including linear and nonlinear equations, and differentiation), and explore how key Micro- and Macroeconomics ideas can help us understand the world around us. You will participate in economic experiments and games, and we will discuss lessons from the Great Depression and the Great Recession, speculative attacks and currency crises, inequality, democracy and growth, government deficits and inflation, and the macroeconomic implications of Brexit and Covid-19.

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Information contained in this booklet with respect to modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer modules as advertised. In some cases changes may be necessary and may result in some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research. Please check our website for the latest information. [www.lancaster.ac.uk](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk)
## Year 2

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. You can find further information about modules on our website: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study

### Modules

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<td>+ Microeconomic Analysis AND Macroeconomic Analysis</td>
<td>+ State &amp; Economy: Between Market and Demos</td>
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<td>You will take either: Dissertation: you will work over two terms on a 10,000 word dissertation with guidance from an academic with relevant expertise. OR Select two optional Philosophy, Politics or Economics modules.</td>
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#### Optional modules

**Philosophy**
- Darwinism and Philosophy
- Ethics and Politics of Communication
- Feminist Philosophy
- Future Generations
- Logic and Language
- Modern Religious and Atheistic Thought
- Philosophies of War and Conflict
- Philosophy of Art
- Political Ideas
- Politics and Ethics in Indian Philosophy
- Philosophy of Medicine
- Transformations and Revolutions in Twentieth Century Philosophy

**Politics**
- Africa and Global Politics
- Britain in the World
- Buddhism, State and Political Monks
- China in the Modern World
- Complexity, Ethics, Values and Policy
- Contemporary Issues in the Middle East
- Conspiracy Theories in Politics and Society
- Decolonisation, Race and Empire
- Elections, Voters and Political Parties in Europe
- Indian Politics, Society and Religion
- Politics of Cultural Diversity
- Politics of Gender in Islam
- Politics of Global Danger
- Society and Politics in Latin America
- State and Religion
- The Governance of Global Capitalism
- Understanding External Intervention in Violent Conflicts
- United States Foreign Policy

**Economics**
- Behavioural and Experimental Economics
- Development Economics
- Health Economics
- Economics of Inequality
- Industrial Organisation
- International Economics
- International Business
- Labour Economics
- Monetary Macroeconomics
- Public Economics

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

### Placement Year and Study Abroad Degrees

Placement year and study abroad students spend year 3 away from campus. In your final year, you will return to Lancaster to study and will select from the optional PPE modules listed above.
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 third year, providing a unique experience to add to your CV. Potential destinations currently include Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, and the USA. These destinations are given as a guide only as the availability of places may vary year to year. 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 benefits 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. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, 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)

Please note that overseas opportunities may be impacted by international travel or Government border restrictions.
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. 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 on our website.

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

For more 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.

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Important information

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