



POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS (PPE)



BA (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?



REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1 FIRST DEGREE OF ITS KIND

Stirling's exciting degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics is the first of its kind to be offered in Scotland.

2 BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

PPE is the degree of choice for aspiring leaders in politics, the civil service and the media.

3 STUDY WITH EXCELLENT ACADEMICS

You'll be taught by staff who are experts in their field, giving you unprecedented insight into their cutting-edge research and professional practices.

WHY STUDY A DEGREE IN POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS?

Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) is an integrated Honours degree offering the exciting possibility of exploring the three subjects in depth and obtaining an understanding of how they connect with one another.

Whether you are aiming for a career in business, politics, the civil service, the voluntary sector or in journalism, a leading background knowledge in the humanities and the social sciences would be of great value. In which case this degree course – the first of its kind in Scotland – may well be the one for you. This degree is ideal for the intellectually curious student who seeks to understand and solve the complex problems facing modern societies and economies.

Rooted in three separate disciplines, it combines a high level of intellectual stimulation with a down-to-earth understanding of the interface between political institutions, societal values and the economy.

COURSE DETAILS

You will study nine modules in Semesters 1-3, including: Politics of the British Isles; Introductory Microeconomics; and Philosophy – what is it all about?

In Semesters 4-8 you will study the following Core Modules: Politics: Great Political Thinkers; Philosophy: Moral Theory or Logic; and Economics: Intermediate Macroeconomics.

Having completed the foundation block in all three disciplines, PPE students enjoy a particularly rich choice of Honours Option Modules comprising a diverse range of options in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. In Semesters 5 and 6 you will take modules in each of the three disciplines, then you can either continue to study in each of the three subjects or choose to specialise in two of them.

Semesters 7-8 have further specialisation (see leaflets on Economics, Philosophy and Politics respectively). In your final year, you will bring together the different skills you have acquired by preparing a dissertation, which covers at least two of the three PPE subject areas.

Assessment for all of these modules is through a combination of coursework and examinations. Coursework includes essays, tutorial presentations, participation in tutorials, role play exercises and case studies and book reviews.

Stirling PPE students are also encouraged to make the most of the Study Abroad opportunities offered at the University to study for a full semester or a whole academic year at participating universities in Australia, Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan and the United States.

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Politics is 5th in Scotland (*The Complete University Guide 2017*) and staff were nominated for numerous teaching excellence awards.

Philosophy received 92% student satisfaction (*NSS 2016*).

Economics was ranked 4th in Scotland, top 20 in UK (*The Complete University Guide 2017*) and develops the skill to construct models that describe how markets and economic systems operate.

“Each subject provided a wide range of modules and yet they all somehow linked together. The setting of Stirling University campus was a joy and unique place to study and live.”

Amy Porter,
final year PPE student 2017

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Stirling is 3rd in the UK and 1st in Scotland for graduate employability with almost 97% of our graduates in employment or further study within six months of graduating (HESA 2016).

Having completed your PPE degree, you will graduate with an in-depth knowledge of political institutions and the policy making process, the big ideas that have shaped Western societies, and how the economy works.

You will be skilled in argument evaluation, whilst enjoying the ability to effectively express your own viewpoints. You will also have developed valuable insight into the cultural, intellectual and moral pressures on decision makers.

This broad ranging ability and understanding will therefore ensure that you are well-positioned to succeed in the graduate job market, whether you choose to work in the public sector, private companies, voluntary organisations, the financial sector or the media.

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1 ENTRY – FOUR-YEAR HONOURS

SQA Highers:

ABBB – one sitting

AABB – two sittings

GCE A-levels:

BBB

IB Diploma:

32

BTEC (Level 3):

DDM

YEAR 2 ENTRY – THREE-YEAR HONOURS

SQA Adv Highers:

ABB

GCE A-levels:

ABB

IB Diploma:

35

Essential subjects:

To include Politics,
Philosophy and Economics

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Scottish HNC/HND:

Minimum entry: Bs in
graded unit.

Access courses and other UK/EU
and international qualifications
are also welcomed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General entry requirements
apply. Please visit:
<http://stir.ac.uk/av>

PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE

ILLUSTRATIVE OF A TYPICAL TIMETABLE

| Year | Semester | Module 1 | Module 2 | Module 3 |
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| 1 | 1 | People and Power: Politics of the British Isles. | Philosophy: What is it all About? | Introductory Microeconomics |
| | 2 | Political Concepts and Ideas | Mind Value and Reality | Introductory Macroeconomics |
| 2 | 3 | Introduction to International Politics | From Plato to Existentialism | Intermediate Microeconomics |
| | 4 | Great Political Thinkers | Logic or Moral Theory | Intermediate Macroeconomics |
| 3 | 5 | Honours Option Module in Politics | Rationalism and Empiricism or Philosophy of Mind | Advanced Microeconomics |
| | 6 | Honours Option Module in Politics | Honours Option Module in Philosophy | Honours Option Module in Economics |
| 4 | 7 | PPE Dissertation | Honours Option Module in Politics or Philosophy or Economics | Honours Option Module in Politics or Philosophy or Economics |
| | 8 | PPE Dissertation | | Honours Option Module in Politics or Philosophy or Economics |

An illustrative list of Honours option modules offered in PPE is listed below.

Politics: International Political Economy; Business in International Politics; Global Development; Politics of Justice, Equality and Rights.

Philosophy: Mind and Metaphysics; Democratic Theory; Political Philosophy; The Distribution of Property - Defending Inequality.

Economics: Financial Economics; Monetary Economics; Energy Economics; Environmental Economics.

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