POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS (PPE)
BA (Hons)
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 Options. From semester 5 onwards, we offer three PPE streams, which will enable you to progressively specialise in two of the three subject areas.

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 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.

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 CHOOSE STIRLING?

Whether you are aiming for a political, business, civil service, voluntary sector or journalistic career, background knowledge in the humanities and social sciences will be of great value.

This course is ideal for an intellectually curious student who seeks to understand and solve the complex problems facing modern societies and economies.

Politics is 3rd in Scotland and top 20 in the UK (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020).

Philosophy is 3rd in Scotland (The Guardian University Guide 2019).

Economics was ranked 2nd in Scotland, top 5 in UK (The Guardian University Guide 2019) and develops the skill to construct models that describe how markets and economic systems operate.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

96% of our undergraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating. (DLHE 2015/16)

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:
AABB – one sitting
AABBB – 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: stir.ac.uk/av

PART TIME, ADVANCED ENTRY AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE
**TYPICAL TIMETABLE** (this is illustrative of a typical timetable)

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

**Politics:** Global Development; Politics of Justice, Equality and Rights; World Politics from the Great War to the Contemporary Crisis; The European Union in International Politics; Contemporary Issues in the Middle East; The European Union in Times of Crisis

**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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