

# VL52: Philosophy, Politics and Economics



Undergraduate BA 2021

## Essentials

**Please note:** 2020-21 courses may be affected by Covid-19 and are therefore subject to change due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Summaries of course-specific changes resulting from the impact of Covid-19 will be provided to applicants during August 2020.

For the latest information on our plans for teaching in academic year 2020/21 in light of Covid-19, please see [www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/coronavirus)

<b>UCAS code</b>	VL52
<b>Degree</b>	BA
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>A-Level</b>	A*AA
<b>BTEC</b>	D*DD
<b>International Baccalaureate</b>	38
<b>Alternative qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other UK qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/UK.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/UK.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• EU qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EU.pdf">www.dur.ac.uk/resources/undergraduate/apply/EU.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• International qualifications (<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/">www.dur.ac.uk/international/country.information/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Contextual Offers</b>	You may be eligible for an offer which is one or two grades lower than our standard entry requirements. Find out more ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/</a> ).
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/business/programmes/undergraduate/economics/ppe/">www.durham.ac.uk/business/programmes/undergraduate/economics/ppe/</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

Our BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) is a prestigious programme offering you the opportunity to explore three subjects – their connections, influences and impact. You'll gain an understanding of how and why they've been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they've developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

Throughout the course you'll investigate the subjects in theory and practice, gaining the knowledge and skills to pursue different lines of inquiry and interrogate your own ideas. All this provides a rigorous academic framework which is highly-regarded as excellent preparation for a successful career, no matter what path you take.

### Year 1

In the first year, two modules will be studied in each of the three departments providing the specific foundations for the subsequent years at an appropriate depth.

In Philosophy, the compulsory modules have in the past included Ethics and Values, and Knowledge and Reality. In Politics there is one core theory module plus one from a list of options to be studied. In Economics introductory micro- and macro-economic theory is covered as well as a quantitative module which provides students with the necessary mathematical and statistical skills for subsequent studies in Economics.

### Year 2

Whilst the first year is dominated by the necessity to build the foundations for all three subjects, the choice opens up quite substantially in the second and third year. The basic rule that needs to be met is that for each of the three subjects a minimum of two modules must be studied in the second and third year. At no stage can any one of the three be dropped altogether. In Years 2 and 3 combined, you will take two core modules in Economics looking at the principles of Macro and Microeconomics; either The Philosophy of Economics or Political Philosophy and one further module in Philosophy; and two modules in Politics. Aside from these, and provided that individual module requirements are met, you can specialise and tailor your choices from a wide selection of optional modules in the three subjects. This gives the degree the flexibility and eclecticism that are its defining characteristics.

At this stage, you can choose to add an extra dimension to your studies, by extending your course with a work placement or an international exchange, which can help you stand out in a crowded job market.

### Year 3

In the third year, the Dissertation (double module) must be done in one of the three departments and it must be associated with another third-year module of the same subject.

**Please note: the economics degree is currently under review and details may have changed by October 2021.**

*We review course structures and core content (in light of e.g. external and student feedback) every year, and will publish finalised core requirements for 2021 entry from September 2020.*

## **Placement Year**

You may be able to take a work placement. Find out more ([www.durham.ac.uk/placements/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/placements/)).

## Admissions Process

### Subject requirements, level and grade

**A level offer – A\*AA** including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

If you are taking Mathematics and Further Mathematics, a further two subjects must be taken at A2 level.

**BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D\*DD** and A level requirements as above.

**IB Diploma score – 38** with 666 in higher level subjects, including an arts/humanities subject and Mathematics.

In addition to satisfying the University's general entry requirements, please note:

- We welcome applications from those with other qualifications equivalent to our standard entry requirements and from mature students with non-standard qualifications or who may have had a break in their study. Please contact our Admissions Selectors.
- We do not accept Advanced Higher Statistics as a substitute for AH Mathematics. If you are taking both of these subjects at this level then a further two Advanced Highers are necessary.
- For students taking the IB we are happy to accept either Higher Level grade 6 or Standard Level grade 7 in Mathematics. Mathematical Studies is not acceptable.
- One Arts/Humanities subject at A level or equivalent is required. In the past successful applicants have commonly satisfied this condition, by studying one or more of the following subjects: History, Philosophy, Government and Politics, English Literature; any ancient or modern language; Geography, Religious Studies. Such a list cannot be comprehensive, so if you are unsure over whether the subjects that you are currently following or are planning to take, meet our standard requirements please contact our Admissions Selector for further details.
- If you are an international student who does not meet the requirements for direct entry to this degree, you may be eligible to take an International Foundation Year pathway programme at the Durham University International Study Centre  
([www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm\\_source=signposting&utm\\_medium=signposting&utm\\_campaign=uni](http://www.durhamisc.com/?ch=uniweb&cc=signposting&cid=uniweb&utm_source=signposting&utm_medium=signposting&utm_campaign=uni))

### English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study ([www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### How to apply

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply)

**Information relevant to your country**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£21,730.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£9,250.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£21,730.00 per year

The tuition fees shown for **home** students are for one complete academic year of full time study and are set according to the academic year of entry. Fees for subsequent years of your course may rise in line with an inflationary uplift as determined by the government.

The tuition fees shown for **overseas and EU** students are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance)



## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

Pre-application open days are the best way to discover all you need to know about Durham University. With representatives from all relevant academic and support service departments, and opportunities to explore college options, the open days provide our prospective undergraduates with the full experience of Durham University.

Please see the following page for further details and information on how to book a place:  
[www.durham.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.durham.ac.uk/opendays)

### **Discover Durham Tours**

Discover Durham tours offer a brief introduction to the University. The tour begins at one of our undergraduate colleges, where you will receive an introductory talk from a member of college staff, followed by a tour of the college by current students.

[www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham](http://www.durham.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/discoverdurham)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)



## Department Information

### Philosophy, Politics and Economics

#### Overview

Explore philosophy, politics and economics in all their connections and depth.

PPE is a flexible joint honours degree, offering you the opportunity to explore philosophy, politics and economics – their connections, influences and impact. You will gain an understanding of how and why they have been so inextricably linked historically, and the ways in which they have developed and diverged over the course of the last two centuries, both in content and in method.

#### Rankings

- World Top 100 for Politics and Philosophy in the *QS World University Subject Rankings 2019*.
- 7th for Economics in *The Complete University Guide 2019*.

#### Staff

For a current list of staff, please see the relevant web pages for **Philosophy** ([www.durham.ac.uk/philosophy/staff/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/philosophy/staff/)), **Politics** ([www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/people/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/people/)) and **Economics** ([www.durham.ac.uk/business/about/our-people/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/business/about/our-people/)).

#### Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/business/programmes/undergraduate/economics/ppe/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/business/programmes/undergraduate/economics/ppe/)

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