

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study on Politics, Philosophy and Economics (or PPE for short) at Manchester.

Each year of your degree you need to take units that add up to 120 credits.

Each unit is made up of 10 or 20 credits. This reflects the amount of work involved, so for every one credit you should do approximately 10 hours of work (eg lectures, tutorials, office hours and independent study).

Each of the course units below has **pre-requisites – other course units which you need to have taken the year before**. You can find information about these by clicking on the particular course unit information pages.

The actual units taught will depend on the availability of staff which can vary from year to year – the structure below will just give you an idea of the courses that you may study.

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A full interactive version of this course structure can be found online at:
<http://bit.ly/ppeps>

Year 1

In your first year you will study 120 units overall (which means eight individual course units), your first year is split equally between the three disciplines to ensure you have a solid foundation in all of them.

Politics

In your first year you will study two Politics course units.

One compulsory course unit:

Course unit	Credits
Introduction to Political Theory	20

One optional course unit from:

Course unit	Credits
Introduction to Comparative Politics	20
Britain in the World: The British Political Tradition	20
Introduction to International Politics	20
Making Sense of Politics	20
Politics of the Global Economy	20

Philosophy

In your first year you will study two Philosophy course units.

One compulsory course unit:

Course unit	Credits
Critical Thinking	20

One optional course unit from:

Course unit	Credits
Values We Live By	20
Discovering Reality	20
Mind and World	20
History of Philosophy	20
Philosophy & Social Science	20

Economics and Mathematics & Statistics

In your first year you will study four units in Economics, which of these you will study will depend on what level of Economics and Mathematics you have studied before you come to Manchester. You will study a unit of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematics and Statistics

Micro and Macroeconomics

If you have not studied A-level Economics before you will study:

Course unit	Credits
Microeconomic Principles	10
Macroeconomic Principles	10

If you have studied A-level Economics or equivalent you will study:

Course unit	Credits
The UK Economy - Microeconomics	10
The UK Economy - Macroeconomics	10

Mathematics and Statistics

If you have studied GCSE Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit	Credits
Introductory Mathematics	10
Introductory Statistics	10

If you have studied AS Level Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit	Credits
Further Mathematics	10
Statistics for Economists	10

If you have studied A Level Maths or equivalent you will study:

Course unit	Credits
Advanced Mathematics	10
Advanced Statistics	10

Year 2

In your second year you will study towards 120 credits (7-9 course units), your second year is again split equally between the three disciplines and you will take 40 credits in each.

Politics

You will need to take:

Course unit	Credits
Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates	20

You will need to take 20 credits (either 1 or 2 course units) from the options below:

Course unit	Credits
The Politics of (in)Security	20
Questions About International Politics	20
From Blitz to the 'Big Society: Politics & Society in Britain Since 1940	20
Arguing About Politics: Political Theory in the World	20
Chinese Politics Today	10
The Politics of Globalisation	20
The Politics of Development	20
The Politics of Policy Making	20
Comparative European Politics	10
France under the Fifth Republic	10
National Politics of Germany	10
Mediterranean Politics	10
Comparative Politics of East-Central Europe	10

Philosophy

You will need to take at least one of these course units:

Course unit	Credits
Formal Logic	20
Ethics	20
20th Century Analytical Philosophy	20
Aesthetics	20

You will take the remainder of your 40 credits of Philosophy course units from:

Course unit	Credits
Philosophy of Religion	20
Locke, Berkley, Hume	20
Philosophy of Science	20
Philosophy of Mind	20
Phenomenology	20
Philosophical Methods	20

Economics

You will need to take at least two of the course units (or 20 credits) from:

Course unit	Credits
Microeconomics IIA	10
Microeconomics IIB	10
Macroeconomics IIA	10
Macroeconomics IIB	10

You will take the remainder of your 40 credits of Economics course units from:

Course unit	Credits
Managerial Economics I	20
Economics for Environmental Management	10
Econometrics	20
Mathematical Economics I	20
Further Mathematics	10
Statistics for Economists	10
Development Economics IIA	10
Development Economics IIB	10
Business Economics 1A	10
Business Economics IB	10
Applied Environmental Economics	10
Economics for Public Policy	10
Understanding the Financial Crisis: Competing Perspectives	10
Market Research	10

Year 3

In your final year you will again study 120 units overall.

Your final year is structured differently and gives you a chance to focus on a chosen discipline in much greater depth.

You will study the PPE-exclusive 'Topics in PPE' course unit and choose a dissertation in one of the three disciplines of Politics, Philosophy or Economics.

You will need to take:

Course unit	Credits
Topics in PPE	20

You produce a dissertation from one of the three disciplines:

Course unit	Credits
Dissertation B - Politics	20
Dissertation (20 credit) - Philosophy	20
Dissertation in Economics - Economics	20

You will also select at least 40 credits (and maximum of 60 credits) in the same discipline as your dissertation and then the remainder of your 120 credits (either 20 or 40 depending on what you have selected already) can be studied in either (or both) of the remaining disciplines.

The courses that you could choose from include:

Politics

Course unit	Credits
The Politics of the European Union	20
Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship	20
Russian Politics	20
Gender, Sexuality and Politics	20
Elections and Voters in Britain	20
Politics of Hate	20
News Media & International Crisis	20
Introduction to International Political Economy	20
Global Justice	20
Gender, War & Militarism	20
Africa & Global Politics	20
Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe	20
Global Capitalism, Crisis and Revolt	20
War Memories and Reconciliation in East Asia	20
Labour Market Policy	20
Ideologies of Global Capitalism	20
Children, Family and Social Justice	20
Understanding Political Choice in Britain	20
Democracy in the European Union	20
Borders, Identities, Citizenship	20
Contemporary Parliamentary Studies and the British Political Tradition	20
Fear and Loathing in International Relations: The Problem of Identity and Difference	20
Sex, Bodies and Money: Gendering International Political Economy	20
Theories of Rights	20

Philosophy

Course unit	Credits
Jurisprudence	20
Special Author: Russell	20
Philosophical Logic	20
Metaphysics	20
Philosophy of Language	20
Issues in Epistemology	20
Philosophy of Psychology	20
Philosophy of Action	20
Philosophy of Music	20
Personhood and Freedom of the Will	20
Philosophy of Mathematics	20
Metaethics and Religious Language	20

Economics

Course unit	Credits
Advanced Macroeconomics	10
The Macroeconomics of Labour Markets	10
The Chinese Economy	10
Natural Resource Economics	10
Mathematical Economics II	20
Mathematical Economics I	20
Cross Section Econometrics	10
Business Forecasting	10
Econometrics	20
Mathematical Finance	10
Time Series Econometrics	10
Financial Economics	10
Development Economics IIIA	10
Development Economics IIIB	10
Microeconomics III	20
Macroeconomics IIIA	10
Macroeconomics IIIB	10
History of Economic Thought	20
Business Economics II	20
Money, Banking & Financial Markets	10
Economics of Monetary Integration in Europe	10
Managerial Economics II	20
Financial Econometrics	10
Property and Justice: From Grotius to Rawls	10
Economic Policy Analysis	10
Climate Change Economics (if not taken already in Year 2)	10
Labour Economics	10
Behavioural Economics	10