

Course Summary: March 27, 2026

Politics and Economics BA Honours

- UCAS code: **LL21**
- Full time
- 3 years

Develop a sophisticated understanding of the political and economic realities faced by employers in every walk of life.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£24,500**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAB**

- IB: **34 points**

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Undergraduate Open Day

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Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

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Course overview

This three-year Politics and Economics degree will give you the intellectual capacity to recognise, understand and anticipate the way that political and economic forces combine to shape our everyday lives.

You will study at both the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology and the Business School, tapping into their combined expertise, networks, support, careers advice and facilities, and becoming part of two flourishing student communities.

Your studies will be split 50:50 between politics and economics, with each helping to inform your understanding of the other. The course also has a strong mathematical component to help you master the unique quantitative requirements of the economic discipline.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your

Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually

happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

Your main focus will be on core modules designed to give you a solid grounding in the principles of economics, political economic theory, data analysis, and the mathematics relevant to the discipline.

You will also choose additional modules on broad political themes such as modern political thought, or the shaping of the 21st century.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Analysing Economic Data	10
Mathematics for Economics	20
Economic Analysis	30
Studying Political Economy: Ideas, Theories and Skills	20
Optional Modules	Credits
UK Politics: Westminster and Beyond	20
Key Concepts in International Politics	20
Order and Disorder: The Shaping of the 21st Century	20
Power and Inequality: How to Study Global Politics ... and Change the World	20
Politics of Happiness	20
State, People and Politics: Comparative Politics in a Globalised World	20

You will divide your time equally between core modules on economic modelling and analysis, and modules of your choice on political topics such as the Middle East, Africa and international relations.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Microeconomic Analysis	30
Macroeconomic Analysis	30
Optional Modules	Credits
Politics of the Middle East	20
Becoming a Political Researcher	20
Government and Politics of the USA	20
The Politics and Policy of the European Union	20
Power and Poverty in the Global Economy	20
A Global History of Political Thought	20
Political Violence and the Modern State	20
Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy	20
Politics Work Placement	20
Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies	20
Democracy or Autocracy? What are the differences and how do we analyse them	20
Sex, Gender and Power	20
The Global Politics of Race	20

International Organizations and Diplomacy	20
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You will tailor your studies by choosing a combination of specialist modules: half on topics such as advanced microeconomics and the economics of banking or health; half on political subjects such as diplomacy, environmental governance, or the fall and rise of China.

You can also complete a dissertation or project based on your own original research, or contribute to a research group tackling a real-world issue on behalf of a community organisation.

Modules

You will take 60 credits from the following list:

Optional modules	Credits
Advanced Microeconomics	20
Advanced Macroeconomics	20
Behavioural Economics and Experimental Methods	20
Monetary Economics	10
Public Economics	20
Financial Economics	10
Economics of Risk and Uncertainty	10
Health Economics	10
Industrial Economics and Policy	20
Game Theory*	10
Environmental Economics	10

*If you take Advanced Microeconomics you must also take Game Theory

You will also take 60 credits from the following optional module list.

Optional modules	Credits
Final Year Dissertation*	40
Final Year Project: Semester 1*	20
Final Year Project: Semester 2*	20
The Ethics of Killing	20
Political Leadership in Britain	20
Who and why votes for far right? Using data for political analysis	20
Student Exchange: Semester 1**	60
Student Exchange (Dissertation Students)**	40
Political Parties and Elections in the UK	20
Community Based Research in Politics*	40
Politics of Immigration	20
Politics of Citizenship	20
Gender and Sexuality Politics in the Middle East	20
Public Policy: Theory, Cases, Skills	20
Politics as a Way of Life	20
Public Policy Placement*+	20
Power and Policy: Understanding Impact	20
Global Justice and Human Rights	20

* If you take the Politics Dissertation module you aren't able to take any of the Politics Project modules. Permission to take these modules is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

+ Placement opportunities guided by policy at the time

**If you don't take the International Study Year module you may be able to take one of these modules subject to agreement of the Degree Programme Director

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Public Economics	20
Financial Economics	10
Economics of Risk and Uncertainty	10
Health Economics	10
Industrial Economics and Policy	20
Game Theory	10
Environmental Economics	10
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Final Year Project: Semester 1	20
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The Ethics of Killing	20
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Community-based Research in Politics	40
Politics of Immigration	20
Politics of Citizenship	20

Gender and Sexuality Politics in the Middle East	20
Public Policy: Theories, Cases, Skills	20
Politics as a Way of Life	20
Public Policy Placement	20
Power and Policy: Understanding Impact	20
Global Justice and Human Rights	20

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

You will be taught through a stimulating combination of lectures, seminars, teamwork exercises, research projects and simulations.

You will also make use of interactive online learning environments such as Blackboard and MyEconLab.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Practical skills

You will be trained in R, a world-leading free statistical software that helps you to understand data, analyse trends, and make informed recommendations.

Business skills

You'll have many opportunities to boost your employability, starting with an induction week careers session dedicated to politics.

You will also be able to put your learning into practice further by conducting real-world political research for a local organisation (including Newcastle City Council) in Stage 3

Research skills

In Stage 3, you will have the chance to produce a dissertation or report based on a piece of your own independent political research.

You will be given advice on the design, methodology and implementation of this research, and can draw on your training in data analysis techniques.

Opportunities

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

Study abroad

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You will be part of the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology and will split your time between the newly refurbished Henry Daysh Building and the Business School.

Support

You will have one-to-one academic and pastoral support from a personal tutor and from a student.

A tutor in the department has twice won a student-nominated award for pastoral care in recent years.

Your future

You will graduate with the ability to think critically, assess complex material and data, carry out research, construct an argument and articulate it – a powerful skillset applicable to a wide range of careers.

These skills have seen our Politics and Economics graduates enjoy successful careers in politics, economics, finance, management consultancy, media, non-

governmental bodies, inter-governmental organisations, human resources, marketing and business.

Some choose to pursue vocational training to become lawyers or teachers; and others undertake further postgraduate study in fields such as politics, business and finance.

[Read what our graduates have to say about studying Politics at Newcastle University](#)

Make a difference

Careers support

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at
<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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