



Course Summary: March 27, 2026

Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA Honours

- UCAS code: **LV10**
- Full time
- 3 years

Engage with the political, economic, and philosophical ideas that shape our world today

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

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the forces that shape political, philosophical, and economic societies.

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) BA Honours brings together three disciplines into one flexible degree. On our degree programme, you'll:

- Equip yourself with the tools to analyse and respond to the complex challenges of the modern world.
- Develop the skills to **think critically, analyse evidence, and communicate ideas with confidence.**
- Gain experience in **strategic planning, problem-solving, and research.**
- Build strengths in **communication, data analysis, IT, and organisation.**
- Tackle global challenges and **succeed in a wide range of careers.**

You'll also have the flexibility to structure your degree in the way that suits you best. This can be an equal split across all three subjects, a focus on any two, or specialising in the one you're most passionate about. You can shape your degree and adapt it as your academic and career goals develop.

Compulsory modules introduce key concepts and approaches in philosophy, economics and politics, developing the technical and mathematical abilities you'll need to succeed.

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](#)

In your first year, you'll take compulsory modules in key areas such as political economy and work on the mathematical skills you'll need for economic study.

You'll also choose from a range of Politics and Philosophy modules, helping you to build a strong foundation in philosophy, politics, and economics.

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
Existentialism and the Self	20
Introduction to Moral Philosophy	10
Foundations of Philosophy	20

Philosophical Approaches to the Humanities and Social Sciences and Critical Reasoning	20
Introduction to Aesthetics	10
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'll study one compulsory module learning about how the social and political world ought to operate, with a particular focus on social issues .

You'll also be able to tailor your studies to your ambitions and interests by choosing modules from each discipline.

At the end of Stage 2 you'll be able to apply to spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy	20

Optional Modules	Credits
International Economics	10

Economics of Regulation	10
Economic Evaluation and Investment	20
Applied Economics	10
Mathematical Economics	10
Python Programming for Economists	10
British Economic History, 1780-1979	10
Ecological Economics and Environmental Policy	10
Economics of Inequality and Disadvantage	10
Microeconomic Analysis	30
Macroeconomic Analysis	30
Ethics and the Modern World	20
Consciousness, Art and Technology	20
Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy	20
Practice and Creative Practice of Philosophy	20
Texts in Contemporary Philosophy: Barbara Stiegler: Adapt!	10
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

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
Place-Based Philosophy: Investigating Context through Fieldwork	20
Italian Thought	10

During Stage 3 you'll be able to apply the critical, interpretive and research skills you've gained and apply these in your final year PPE project or dissertation. You'll also tailor your studies to an even greater extent through optional modules.

Modules

Optional Modules	Credits
Final Year Dissertation in PPE	40
Final Year Project in PPE: Semester 1	20
Final Year Project in PPE: Semester 2	20

Optional Modules	Credits
Advanced Microeconomics	20
Advanced Macroeconomics	20
Behavioural Economics and Experimental Methods	20
Advanced Econometric Analysis	10
Monetary Economics	10
Public Economics	20

Advanced Time Series Econometrics	10
Financial Economics	10
Economics of Risk and Uncertainty	10
Health Economics	10
Industrial Economics and Policy	20
Game Theory	10
Happiness Economics	10
Environmental Economics	10
Place-Based Philosophy: Investigating Context through Fieldwork	20
Social and Political Philosophy	10
Continental Political Thought	10
The Networked Society: Human Identity and Practices	20
Practice and Creative Practice of Philosophy	20
Phenomenology and Twentieth Century Philosophy	20
Philosophy and Psychoanalysis	10
World Philosophies	10
Political Leadership in Britain	20
Who and why votes for far right? Using data for political analysis	20
Political Parties and Elections in the UK	20
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

Power and Policy: Understanding Impact	20
Labour Economics	20
Economics of Banking	10
Microeconometrics	10
Development Economics	10
The Ethics of Killing	20
Applied Data Science for Political Research	20
Texts in Contemporary Philosophy: Barbara Stiegler: Adapt!	10

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

You'll be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, exercises, and debates. You will also be required to show your learning through presentations and essays.

You'll be encouraged students to bring philosophical, political, and economic perspectives to bear on real-world issues through focused small-group discussion.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assessments
- Case studies
- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online

- Group work
- Portfolio submission
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

You'll develop a range of professional, academic and personal skill that are sought after by employers in a wide range of industries.

By completing this programme, you'll gain the skills to

- critically evaluate arguments and evidence - giving you the confidence to question assumptions and make well-informed decisions.
- express your views clearly and persuasively – enabling you to share your ideas with impact.
- analyse both qualitative and quantitative information - preparing you to handle complex data and draw meaningful insights from it.

You'll also gain essential transferable skills, such as:

- effective communication
- plan and organise projects
- IT tools and numerical skills.

You'll become more adept at **critical reasoning, analytical thinking, and strategic planning**, which are vital for tackling today's global challenges.

You'll learn how to **work with different sources of information**, from data sets to digital libraries, and how to **apply tools from philosophy, politics, and economics** to real-world issues.

At the same time, you'll gain experience in **working across disciplines, managing complex information, and carrying out independent research**, all of which prepare you to thrive in both further study and professional environments.

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.

You may choose to spend either one or two semesters on an international exchange at a partner institution. The exchange usually takes place at Stage 3 with either the first semester (September to January) or the full year being the period of the exchange.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You'll be based in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology's Henry Daysh Building.

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

A degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics is highly respected by employers and graduates from this area typically go on to work in a wide variety of fields, including:

- Local and national government

- Charities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the UK and abroad
- Accounting, banking and finance
- Education
- Marketing
- Journalism and media
- Management consulting and business
- Law

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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