

**Philosophy, Politics
and Economics \
Economics and Politics
Open Day Presentation**

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Why PPE/E&P at Durham?

- All subjects carried through the degree
- Possibility to specialise more in any one of the subjects
- Wide range of research led options in the different disciplines (180,000+ current possible module combinations for PPE in 2nd and 3rd year)
- Excellent international study / work placement opportunities
- Vibrant student community
- Excellent teaching facilities
- Excellent career prospects

The colleges - the Durham difference



Departments

- Approximately 45-50 members of academic staff teaching economics
- Part of the Durham University Business School
- Approximately 50-55 members of academic staff teaching Politics
- Approximately 30-35 members of academic staff teaching Philosophy
- Independently recognised excellence in teaching and research
- Strong international links

Modules

- In general, students complete 6 modules each year
- Some modules are core/compulsory
- Other modules are options that students select from

PPE and E&P offer the opportunity to specialise more as you go through your degree

Current Core Modules – First Year PPE

Principles of Economics
Economic Methods

Knowledge and Reality
Ethics and Values

Choice of 2 modules from:

Intro to Political Theory
Intro to Comparative Politics
Politics & International Relations
Introduction to International Relations
Perspectives of Political Economy



Current Core Modules in Year 2

Economics

EITHER:

Macroeconomics +
Microeconomics

OR:

Economic Theory

Philosophy

Political Philosophy OR
Philosophy of Economics &
Politics

Politics

Min one politics module

Specialising in Philosophy current example...

Level 2

Economic Theory

Econometrics

International Theory

Political Philosophy

Moral Theory

Language, Logic and Reality

Level 3

Development Economics

Environmental Politics

Philosophy Dissertation

Philosophy Dissertation

Aesthetics

Metaphysics

Specialising in Politics current example ...

Level 2

Economic Theory

Research Project

Debates in Political Theory

Analytical Politics

The Philosophy of Economics & Politics

Early Modern Mavericks

Level 3

International Economics

Politics Dissertation

Politics Dissertation

The Politics of Inequality

Diasporas and Global Politics

Biomedical Ethics

Specialising in Economics current example ...

Level 2

Microeconomics

Macroeconomics

Econometrics

Research Project

Gender and Politics

The Philosophy of Economics & Politics

Level 3

Economics Dissertation

Economics Dissertation

Applied Econometrics

Labour Economics

Marx and Marxism

Ethics in Business Practice

Not Specialising current example ...

Level 2

Economic Theory

Econometrics

Research Project

International Organisations

Political Philosophy

The Philosophy of Economics & Politics

Level 3

Economics Dissertation

Economics Dissertation

Environmental Economics

Theories of Liberty

Formal and Philosophical Logic

Issues in Contemporary Ethics

Economics and Politics

1st Year:

3 Economics (Principles, Methods + Global Economic History)

3 Politics (same list as PPE)

2nd Year:

3 Economics and 3 Politics (same choices as PPE)

3rd Year

Either 3/3 or 4/2 in either direction (same lists as PPE)

How we currently deliver

Large Group (approx. 20-500 students):

- Lectures

Small Group (most modules approx. 10-30 students):

- Seminars/ Tutorials
- Workshops
- Computer Practicals

Individual:

- Private study (individual and group study)

Assessment & feedback methods

- **Formative assignments:** 'mock' assessments in all modules
- **Written examinations:** both seen and unseen questions/cases
- **Summative assignments:** investigation and research projects, case studies, critical essays, presentations
- **Dissertation:** individually assessed original research
- **Feedback:** seminars, regular staff contact times, written and oral feedback, office hours

Our students' dissertations are outstanding!

Carroll Round

- Annual Economics conference at Georgetown University (USA)
- Participation funded by the Economics Department



- The world's top undergraduates present and discuss their dissertation
- 8 accepted students from Durham over the past three years

Resources and student support

- Excellent library and computing facilities
- Web-based learning environment (Blackboard Ultra)
- Staff consultation hours
- Written and oral feedback
- Support from assigned academic staff (Programme Director and PPE Contact in Politics and Philosophy)

How Your Degree Class will be Determined

Based on a weighted average of your performance in your second (40%) and final year (60%) modules.



PPE degree VL52 (3 years)

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PPE with Study Abroad
Year VLLA (4 years)

PPE with Work Placement
VLL6 (4 years)

PPE with Study Abroad

4 years: 1st and 2nd in Durham; 3rd year abroad; 4th year in Durham

The fourth year = third year of the VL52 PPE degree (Dissertation etc.)

Countries:

Denmark, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Sweden

Australia, Canada, Chile, China, USA, and others



PPE with Work Placement

4 years: 1st and 2nd in Durham; 3rd year working; 4th year in Durham

The fourth year is equivalent to the third year of the VL52 PPE degree (Dissertation etc.)



Placement Year

40+ weeks paid work experience in year 3

- Enhanced graduate prospects
- Transferrable skills and knowledge
- Expand your professional network and industry contacts
- Potentially achieve a higher class degree classification

(In 2019, at DUBS 52% achieved a 1st, compared to 13% of non-placement students)

PPE degree (VL52)

No Philosophy

Economics and
Politics (LL12)

No Economics

Philosophy and
Politics (LV25)

Extracurricular Activities:

Student Societies

There are numerous Student Societies, where many PPE Alumni have been involved and also setting them up.

For example

French Society:

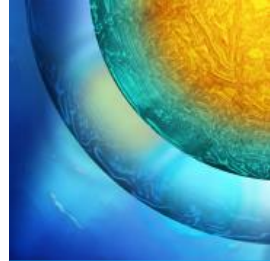
<https://www.facebook.com/durhamfrenchsociety/>

Durham University Sustainable Finance Society:

<https://www.facebook.com/dusfs/>

Evening Language Courses:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/cfls/languagecourses/>



Entry Requirements

PPE (VL52):

A*AA including Mathematics and a social sciences or humanities subject

Economics and Politics (LL12):

A*AA including Mathematics and a social sciences or humanities subject

Philosophy and Politics (LV25):

AAA including a social sciences or humanities subject

IB and other qualifications are accepted – see course website for full details

Programme information

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/courses/philosophy-politics-and-economics-vl52/>

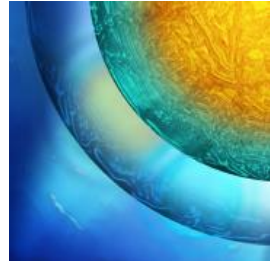
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/business/courses/economics-and-politics-ll12/>

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/courses/philosophy-and-politics-lv25/>

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Any Questions?