Philosophy, Politics and Economics BSc /

The BSc aims to provide breadth and depth in understanding social and political phenomena and the principles informing, and consequences following, policy choices. Teaching across UCL’s highly regarded Departments of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics combines an education in social sciences and philosophy with a comprehensive grounding in methods.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**
September 2018

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

// Enjoy a learning environment created by UCL’s internationally recognised research Departments of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics.

// Acquire applied and policy knowledge with UCL’s PPE programme, housed in UCL Political Science - home of our Policy and Practice Seminar series with its eminent list of speakers.

// Gain the skills needed to provide evidence for policy problems and prepare for research and work inside and outside academia. Study a breadth of methods or choose the Quantitative Methods stream.

// Take a degree inspired by UCL’s founding tradition in political economy and its historic Bloomsbury location.

**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 89%: Political Science subjects; 75%: Philosophy subjects; 99% Economics subjects rated 4* (“world-leading”) or 3* (“internationally excellent”)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

**Degree structure**

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

In year one students take modules introducing the three disciplines and the principles of social and political analysis.

In years two and three students choose modules in two disciplines (politics and philosophy or politics and economics) and in research methods. A limited number of study abroad placements may be available (subject to first year grades) for students who wish to undertake a year abroad, in year three of a four year programme.

The final year includes a dissertation or independent research and brings the three disciplines back together in a multidisciplinary capstone course on policy problems.

A sustained policy and methods focus distinguishes the UCL PPE and for students wishing to specialise there is a separate Quantitative Methods (QM) stream, provided by the UCL Q-Step Centre.

**YEAR ONE**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Introduction to Political Science (1.0 credit)
- Economics (1.0 credit)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (0.5 credit)
- Principles of Social Science Research (0.5 credits)
- Modern Classics in Political Analysis (0.5 credits)
- Students entering the Economics and Politics concentration in year two will take Introduction to Mathematics for Economists I (0.5 credits) instead of Principles of Social Science Research.
- Students entering the QM stream will take Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (0.5 credits) instead of Modern Classics in Political Analysis.

**Optional modules**

- 0.5 credits from the option modules offered by Philosophy

**YEAR TWO**

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Economics and Politics concentration:
  - Public Policy (0.5 credits)
  - Microeconomics (1.0 credit)
  - Macroeconomics (1.0 credit)
- Philosophy and Politics concentration:
  - Public Policy (0.5 credits)
- Additionally it is compulsory for students in the Quantitative Methods stream to take Data Analysis (1.0 credit).

**Optional modules**

- 1.0 credit from Political Science modules (students in the Quantitative Methods stream who are also in the Economics and Politics concentration will take only 0.5 credits from Political Science modules)
- 1.5 credits from second-year Philosophy modules (excepting students in the Economics and Politics concentration)
- 1.0 credit from Research Methods modules (excepting students in the Quantitative Methods stream). Students from the Economics and Politics concentration take only 0.5 credits Research Methods.
**FINAL YEAR**

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Multidisciplinary Capstone Policy (0.5 credits)
- Dissertation/Independent Research Module (0.5 credits)
- Additionally it is compulsory for students in the Quantitative Methods stream to take Advanced Topics in Data Analysis (0.5 credits) and Causal Analysis (0.5 credits).

Optional modules

- 1.0 credit of Political Science modules
- 1.0 credit from the optional modules offered by Philosophy or Economics
- Mixed Methods stream students will take an additional 0.5 credit methods module and an additional 0.5 credit option from either discipline in their chosen concentration.

**Your learning**

Teaching is based on lectures and seminars across the three participating departments. Normally lectures are accompanied by small-group seminars or tutorials that allow for an in-depth and participatory approach to the topic.

**Assessment**

Assessment includes essays, examinations and an independent research project or dissertation. Graded coursework and comments prepare the students for the dissertation and independent research projects.

**Your career**

The Philosophy, Politics and Economics degree exposes students to the modes of reasoning, types of evidence, and methods used by the three disciplines, a concentration in two disciplines, and case examples of the contributions of a multidisciplinary approach to complex problems.

The degree combines an education in social sciences and philosophy with a sustained treatment of the methods of social and normative inquiry. Drawing on multiple lines of inquiry, the degree prepares students for the contemporary and increasing likelihood of a multi-career working life.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Philosophy, Politics and Economics BSc are due to graduate in 2018. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available.

**Your application**

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Entry to this programme is highly competitive. Typically, people who have received an offer to study PPE at UCL have been predicted an A* in Mathematics. Your academic qualifications, as well as other evidence of a serious commitment to the study of social and political phenomena and an interest in public policy will be assessed.

Selection is made on the basis of information contained in the UCAS application and the reference supplied.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
A*AA-AAA

Subjects
A* in Mathematics required for students wishing to specialise in Economics and Politics.

GCSE
English Language at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5, or grade A or 7 for students wishing to specialise in Philosophy and Politics. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
38-39 overall.

Subjects
A score of 18-19 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics for students wishing to specialise in Economics and Politics, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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