PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS BSc / UCAS CODE: 4V86 2021 ENTRY

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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 research methods.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2021

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.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module 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.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, students on the mixed method stream will be awarded a BSc (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, students on the Q-Step stream will be awarded a Bsc (Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Social Data Science

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Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

YEAR ONE

Compulsory module(s)

You are required to take the following three compulsory modules (all students)

// Introduction to Politics (30 credits)
// Economics (30 credits)
// Introduction to Political Philosophy (15 credits)

Students entering the Economics and Politics concentration will take Introduction to Mathematics for Economics (15 credits)

Students entering the Philosophy and Politics concentration will take Principles of Social Science Research (15 credits)

Students entering the QM stream will take Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (15 credits)

Students entering the Mixed Method stream will take Modern Classics in Political Analysis (15 credits)*

* the department may choose to substitute this module with an appropriate alternative module for mixed method students

Optional modules

15 credits from the option modules offered by Philosophy

// Early Modern Philosophy (15 credits) OR
// Introduction to Moral Philosophy (15 credits)
YEAR TWO

Compulsory module(s)

In the second year students follow their chosen concentration and streams and select modules in line with these and the programme structure.

Economics and Politics concentration:
- Public Policy (15 credits)
- Microeconomics (30 credits)
- Macroeconomics (30 credits)

Philosophy and Politics concentration:
- Public Policy (15 credits)

Additionally it is compulsory for students in the Quantitative Methods stream to take Data Analysis (30 credits) and students on the Philosophy and Politics concentration mixed methods stream to take Introduction to Quantitative Methods (15 Credits).

Optional modules
- Students will select one or two politics modules (depending on their chosen concentration) from British Politics, International Conflict and Cooperation, Democracy and Authoritarianism, Authority, Democracy and Resistance and The Ethics of Crime and Punishment
- Students from the Philosophy and Politics concentration (mixed methods stream) will only take 15 credits of research methods modules.
- Students on the Quantitative Methods (Q-step stream) do not take any research methods modules.

For more information on modules, please visit UCL Module Catalogue

FINAL YEAR

Compulsory module(s)

In the third year all students attend:
- Multidisciplinary Capstone Policy (15 credits)
- Dissertation/Independent Research Module (15 credits)

Additionally students in the Quantitative Methods stream must choose 2 modules from the 5 modules listed below:
- Measurement in Data Science (15 credits)
- Causal Analysis (15 credits)
- Social Network Analysis (15 credits)
- Cartography and Data Visualisation (15 credits)
- Mining Social and Geographical Data Sets (15 credits)

Optional modules
- All students must take 30 credits from modules offered by Political Science.
- All students must take 30 credits in their chosen concentration, from Philosophy or Economics.
- Mixed methods stream students must take a 15 credit methods module.
- Mixed methods stream students must also take an additional 15 credits from Political Science or an additional 15 credits from either discipline in their chosen concentration (Philosophy or Economics).

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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.

Accessibility

Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAbility. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

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.

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**

**Standard Offer:** A*A and A* in Mathematics

**GCSE:** English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**Contextual Offer:** A*BB and A* in Mathematics.

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**IB DIPLOMA**

**Standard Offer:** 39 points. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects including 7 in Mathematics, with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 36 points. A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects including grade 7 in Mathematics, with no score lower than 5.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**

As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see [www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus).

**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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals).

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**

UCL 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/upc).

TUITION FEES

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2021/22 academic year. The UK fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2021/22 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK:** £9,250 (2021/22)
- **Overseas:** £23,300 (2021/22)

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

ADDITIONAL COSTS

A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the UCL Fees and funding pages. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

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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UK withdrawal from the EU

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: [www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit).