



UNIVERSITY OF  
LIVERPOOL

BA (Hons)

# Philosophy, Politics and Economics with a Year in Industry

UCAS code L0V1

## Entry requirements

A level: AAB

## Study mode

Full-time

## Duration

4 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

## About this course

This programme offers the same content as our three-year BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, but with the addition of a year in industry after the second year.

## Introduction

A degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics unites three disciplines that are foundational to public life and policy. Nowadays, anyone hoping to understand or advance in politics has to be proficient in economics, and an understanding of the philosophical underpinnings of the various political views that jostle on the public stage has long been recognised as hugely important.

## Programme in detail

As with the three-year degree, this programme provides the opportunity to master the overlap of the three disciplines, to come to grips with some of their specialisms, to attain a very thorough grounding in mathematical economics, and to develop skills in identifying and evaluating the principles and values that underlie debates. The combination is highly sought after by employers, who appreciate the breadth of knowledge and variety of skills that it provides.

Year one will comprise entirely of compulsory modules: four from Economics, and two each from Philosophy and Politics. In year two, as well as a range of Philosophy and Politics options, you will take some compulsory modules which include SOTA260, which will prepare you for your year in industry.

Your third year will be spent on a salaried placement in a role related to your studies, giving you the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge acquired during study to a real-life situation, thus developing key life and employability skills.

In your final year you will undertake a PPE-focused dissertation, and then optional modules from each of the three subjects.

### **Year in Industry**

This programme is available with an optional [year in industry](#). If you choose this option, year three is spent on a paid placement within an organisation in industry, broadly defined. You will be supported by the School of the Arts and the Department throughout, and your reflexive written account of the experience will contribute towards your final degree result. If you wish to study this programme with a year in industry, please put the option code 'YI' in the 'further choices' section of your UCAS application form.

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## **What you'll learn**

- Advanced numeracy and literacy skills
- Creative, critical and independent thinking
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Efficient time and information management
- The ability to organise and present a persuasive case
- The ability to devise and sustain arguments, and solve problems
- Systematic knowledge and critical understanding of key aspects of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

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## Year one

You will take compulsory modules in each of the three subjects, which will give you the mathematical, philosophical and political foundations for the rest of your degree.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u><a href="#">FOUNDATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (POLI104)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICS (POLI109)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS (ECON113)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">PHILOSOPHY TOOLKIT (PHIL105)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (PHIL102)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (ECON123)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (ECON121)</a></u>	15
<u><a href="#">STATISTICS &amp; DATA ANALYSIS FOR ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS (ECON112)</a></u>	15

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Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

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## Year two

You will take compulsory modules in Economics, a module in Business Ethics (PHIL272), and SOTA260 in preparation for your year in industry. The remaining 30 credits will be taken from a range of options in Politics.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>BUSINESS ETHICS (PHIL272)</u>	15
<u>MACROECONOMICS 1 (ECON223)</u>	15
<u>MACROECONOMICS 2 (ECON224)</u>	15
<u>MICROECONOMICS 1 (ECON221)</u>	15
<u>MICROECONOMICS 2 (ECON222)</u>	15
<u>PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT (SOTA260)</u>	15

  

Optional modules	Credits
<u>AMERICAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY (POLI205)</u>	15
<u>ASPECTS OF MEDIA AND POLITICS (POLI208)</u>	15
<u>BRITISH POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES (POLI237)</u>	15
<u>BRITISH PARTY POLITICS (POLI239)</u>	15
<u>COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (POLI215)</u>	15
<u>DEMOCRATISATION AND POLITICAL CHANGE (POLI235)</u>	15

Optional modules	Credits
<u>INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (POLI225)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (POLI209)</u>	15
<u>SECURITY IN A GLOBALISED WORLD (POLI231)</u>	15

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## Year three

You will spend your third year on a paid placement within an organisation in a related industry. Support for your placement will be provided by the Department and the School of the Arts.

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>WORK PLACEMENT YEAR (SOTA600)</u>	120

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## Year four

In your final year, you must complete a dissertation (**HASS301**). The rest of your modules are chosen from a range of options.

In semester one, you will be required to:

- take up to two of the following (but not both **ECON233** and **ECON250**): **ECON233**, **ECON250**, **ECON322**, **ECON325**, **ECON335**, **ECON342**, **ECON362**
- take up to two of the following: **PHIL302**, **PHIL316**, **PHIL367**
- take up to two of the following: **POLI319**, **POLI322**, **POLI328**, **POLI329**, **POLI347**, **POLI349**.

In semester two, you will be required to:

- take up to two of the following: **ECON306, ECON337, ECON343, PHIL366, ECON333, ECON360**
- take up to two of the following: **PHIL312, PHIL365, PHIL366, PHIL311**
- take up to two of the following: **POLI302, POLI310, POLI314, POLI323, POLI345, POLI350.**

## Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS DISSERTATION (HASS301)</u>	30

  

Optional modules	Credits
<u>ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS (ECON343)</u>	15
<u>ADVANCED MICROECONOMICS (ECON342)</u>	15
<u>AESTHETICS (PHIL316)</u>	15
<u>ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES IN ECONOMICS (ECON250)</u>	15
<u>CLASSICAL CHINESE PHILOSOPHY (PHIL367)</u>	15
<u>COMPETITION AND REGULATION (ECON337)</u>	15
<u>CREATIVE SECTOR ECONOMICS (ECON362)</u>	15
<u>DIGITAL INQUIRY PROJECT (PHIL311)</u>	15
<u>FRONTIERS OF ETHICS (PHIL302)</u>	15
<u>GAME THEORY (ECON322)</u>	15

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<u>GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS (POLI349)</u>	15
<u>HEALTH CARE, ECONOMICS AND JUSTICE (PHIL366)</u>	15
<u>INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION (ECON333)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (ECON325)</u>	15
<u>INTERNATIONAL TRADE (ECON335)</u>	15
<u>LAW AND ECONOMICS (ECON360)</u>	15
<u>MACROECONOMICS 1 (ECON223)</u>	15
<u>MEDIA, POLITICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (POLI345)</u>	15
<u>PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES TO CONFLICT (PHIL365)</u>	15
<u>PHILOSOPHY OF THE FUTURE (PHIL312)</u>	15
<u>POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (POLI314)</u>	15
<u>PUBLIC POLICY: AN ADVANCED INTRODUCTION (POLI310)</u>	15
<u>THE CHANGING FACES OF AFRICAN POLITICS (POLI329)</u>	15
<u>THE ECONOMICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ECON306)</u>	15
<u>THE MEDIA, THE INTERNET AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLI319)</u>	15
<u>THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF RHETORIC IN BRITISH POLITICS (POLI323)</u>	15

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## Teaching and assessment

### How you'll learn

In studying Philosophy, you will learn how to defend your views with reasoned arguments, and to assess the arguments of others. Argumentative skills are learned through attending lectures and reading philosophical texts, developed by group seminar discussions, and formally assessed through essays and exams. You will complete modules to the value of 120 credits per year, from a wide range of options available. Most modules employ a blend of lectures, seminars and online support materials. You will learn by reading and studying outside class time, by attending and participating in classes, by doing coursework and, for dissertations, via one-to-one meetings with a supervisor. There is also scope, both formally in the placement module and informally, for you to develop practical skills by volunteering.

### How you're assessed

Philosophy employs a mixture of modes of assessment: exams and coursework in many different varieties including essays, oral presentations, dissertations, exercises, and supported independent work (eg in the placement module).

### Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment



All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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# Careers and employability

Graduating with a degree in philosophy will empower you to delve into the profound questions that shape human existence but also position you as a valuable asset in today's competitive job market.

The School has its own placements and employability officer, and you will have the opportunity to undertake a work placement or a year in industry as part of your programme.

Graduates in Philosophy obtain work in fields such as:

- advertising and marketing;
- the arts, broadcasting, and journalism;
- commerce and management;
- the civil service, law, and politics;
- teaching.

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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## Tuition fees

### UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,535

Year in industry fee - £1,905

### International fees

Full-time place, per year - £24,100

Year in industry fee - £1,905

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

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## Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## A levels

AAB Including A in Mathematics. Only one of General Studies, Critical Thinking and Citizenship will be accepted.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

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## T levels

T levels are not currently accepted.

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## GCSE

GCSE Mathematics at grade 5/C and GCSE English at grade 4/C required.

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## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

DDD plus A level Maths at A. BTEC qualifications must be in a Business related subject.

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## International Baccalaureate

35 including 6 in HL Maths, with no score less than 4

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## Irish Leaving Certificate

H1,H1,H2,H2,H2,H3 including H1 in Maths

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## Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

AAB including A in Maths.

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### **Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced**

Accepted at grade A with A levels AB (including A in Maths)

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### **Access**

45 level 3 credits at Distinction including 15 level 3 credits in Maths

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### **International qualifications**

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

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## **English language requirements**

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

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### **IELTS**

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

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### **TOEFL iBT**

88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

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### **TOEFL Paper**

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

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### **Duolingo English Test**

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

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### **Pearson PTE Academic**

61 overall, with no component below 59

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### **LanguageCert Academic**

70 overall, with no skill below 60

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### **Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500**

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

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### **Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990**

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

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### **Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511**

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

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### **Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991**

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

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## Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

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### LanguageCert

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

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## Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

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### Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.5	10 weeks	On campus and online options available

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Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component below 5.5, and no component below 5.0	12 weeks	On campus and online options available
5.5 overall, with no component below 4.5	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component below 4.5, and no component below 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

## Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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