

Philosophy, Politics and Economics Information Sheet for entry in 2018

PPE brings together some of the most important approaches to understanding the world around us, developing skills useful for a whole range of careers and activities.

Studying Philosophy, you will develop analytical rigour and the ability to criticise and reason logically, and be able to apply these skills to questions concerning how we acquire knowledge or make ethical judgements.

The study of Politics provides a thorough understanding of the impact of political institutions on modern societies. It helps you to evaluate the choices that political systems must regularly make, to explain the processes that maintain or change those systems, and to examine the concepts and values used in political analysis.

Economics is the study of how consumers, firms and government make decisions that together determine how resources are allocated. An appreciation of economics has become increasingly necessary to make sense of governmental policy-making, the conduct of businesses and the enormous economic transformations throughout the world.

All three branches of PPE at Oxford have an international reputation, supported by more than 200 renowned scholars. PPE at Oxford is a very flexible course which allows you to study all three branches, or to specialise in two after the first year.

PPE at Oxford

PPE students have the opportunity to study a curriculum with a balance of breadth and depth, and consciously kept at the cutting-edge. It encompasses specialist and technical training in economics, philosophy, and social science, together with truly global coverage and in-depth study of increasingly diverse social and political ideas and history.

The Oxford PPE degree requires and develops in students an exceptional ability to grasp, analyse, and evaluate essential information rapidly. This ability is honed within Oxford's famous tutorial system, which continues to offer students the wonderful opportunity to discuss their ideas with scholars of the highest calibre. Students explore and challenge new ideas and research in a degree pioneered at Oxford and catered to by its specialised structure of tutorials, classes, and lectures.

Degree Structure

PPE is a highly flexible degree which allows you to shape your own path through it: you may choose to specialise in two branches at the end of the first year, or continue with all three. You can also explore a wide variety of disciplines under the overarching headings of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics - for example, you can specialise in Sociology or International Relations by choosing the relevant Politics options.

A typical weekly timetable

Your work is divided between lectures (typically six to eight a week), tutorials and classes (typically two tutorials or one tutorial and one class a week), and private study mainly spent preparing essays or problem sets for tutorials and classes.



1st year

Courses

All three branches of PPE are studied:

Philosophy

- General philosophy
- Moral philosophy
- Elementary logic

Politics

- The theory of politics (introductory political theory)
- The practice of politics (introductory comparative government and politics)
- Political analysis (introductory empirical and quantitative methods)

Economics

- Microeconomics: the functioning of the market economy
- Macroeconomics: dealing with national output and employment, exchange rates and policy issues
- Mathematical techniques used in economics

Assessment

First University examinations:
Three written papers

2nd and 3rd years

Courses

Students choose to continue with all three branches (be tripartite) or concentrate on any two (be bipartite), taking compulsory courses in the chosen branches along with optional courses:

Compulsory courses

Philosophy

- Ethics, and
- either Early modern philosophy or Knowledge and reality or Plato's *Republic* or Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*

Politics (any two of these)

- Comparative government
- British politics and government since 1900
- Theory of politics
- International relations
- Political sociology

Economics (all three if bipartite, two if tripartite)

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Quantitative economics

Optional courses

- More than 50 choices, currently including: Post-Kantian philosophy, Politics in sub-Saharan Africa and International economics

Please note that the options offered may change. A full list of current options is available [on the course website](#).

Assessment

Final University examinations:
Eight papers, one of which can be replaced by a thesis/supervised dissertation

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Fees

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£16,230	£7,570	£23,800

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Philosophy, Politics and Economics

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but as a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245
Accommodation (including utilities)	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

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