

Philosophy, Politics and Economics Information Sheet for entry in 2016

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.

PPE at Oxford

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.

A typical weekly timetable

Your work is divided between lectures (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 for tutorials and classes.



1st year

Courses

All three branches of PPE are studied equally

Philosophy:

- General philosophy
- Moral philosophy
- Elementary logic

Politics:

- Theorising the democratic state (introductory

Assessment

First University examinations: Three written papers

<p>political theory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice of politics (introductory comparative government and politics) • Political analysis (introductory empirical methodology) <p>Economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microeconomics: the functioning of the market economy • Macroeconomics: dealing with national output and employment, exchange rates and policy issues • Mathematical techniques used in economics 	
2nd and 3rd years	
<p>Compulsory core subjects:</p> <p>Students choose to continue with all three branches or concentrate on any two, taking compulsory courses in the chosen branches along with optional courses:</p> <p>Compulsory core courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Quantitative economics <p>Optional courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 50 choices, currently including: Post-Kantian philosophy; Later Wittgenstein; Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa; Politics of modern China; International economics; Economics of developing countries; Philosophy and economics of the 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Final University examinations: Eight written papers, one of which can be replaced by a thesis.</p>

environment (see www.ppe.ox.ac.uk for the full list of optional PPE papers)

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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2016.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Overseas	£15,295	£7,135	£22,430

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

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. 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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673
Accommodation (including utilities)	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187

Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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