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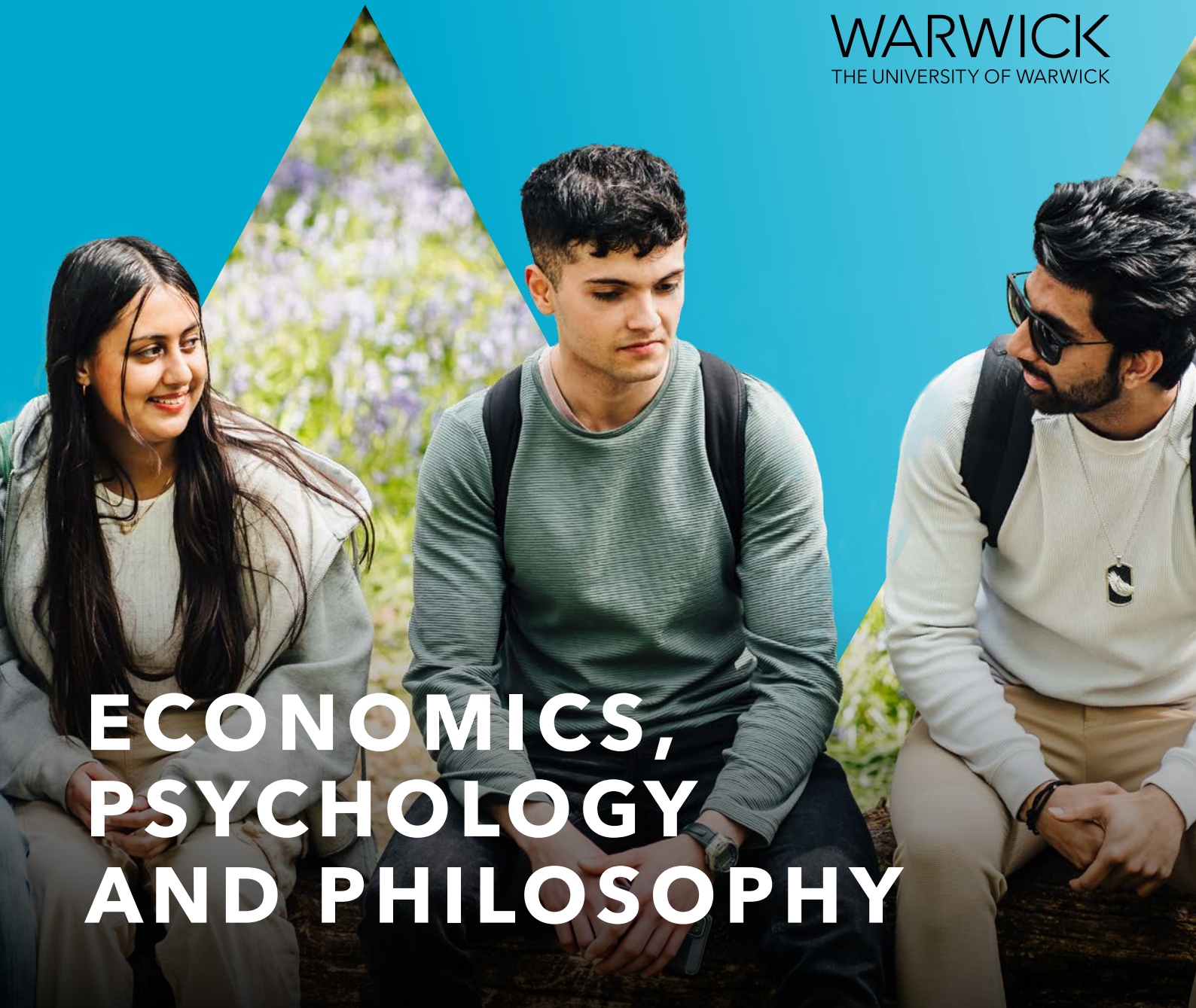

ECONOMICS, PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

WHY EPP AT WARWICK?

A Unique Perspective

Economics impacts key considerations in our everyday lives. But how do psychological factors influence decision-making processes? What role does moral psychology play in shaping ethical frameworks, and how do philosophical perspectives contribute to the understanding of moral decision-making? How do cognitive biases impact financial markets, and what implications does this have for economic policy?

Studying Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (EPP) is a unique opportunity for you to develop your own answers to these questions and to consider the world from the viewpoint of economists, psychologists, and philosophers.

Bridging the Disciplines

Instead of studying the three subjects independently, our bridge model enables you to explore how the topics interact. You will focus on important real-life issues at the intersection of the disciplines and examine them from a truly interdisciplinary perspective

Flexibility to Specialise

You'll have the flexibility to tailor your degree to your own interests by choosing from a range of core and optional modules across four pathways through the degree. Our pathways allow you to choose to study all three subjects in equal proportions, or you may focus on two of the three subjects in more depth.

In addition to core modules carefully designed to provide you with a solid foundation in all three subjects, you will be able to choose from a wealth of optional modules. You will also have the opportunity to take options from at least one other subject area, such as business, law, sociology, history, or modern languages.

"I chose to study EPP as I had a particular interest in behavioural economics, and I was fascinated by the combination of subjects that the course provides. EPP enables me to use mathematical and logical skills in economics, analyse research and studies in psychology, as well as essay writing and delving deeper into topics in philosophy for which there is often no right or wrong answer. I also like the flexibility of choosing which subjects I would like to specialise in studying, and also being able to choose optional modules from each of the three departments as well as the Business School."

// Mehek

A Diverse Community

You will be part of a community of around 40 to 50 students in your year group, with approximately 30% of students coming from outside the UK. Studying with peers from all over the world, you'll have the opportunity to work alongside the perspectives of people from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.

Three Leading Departments

Warwick's Economics, Psychology and Philosophy departments are internationally renowned for their teaching and research and are ranked top 100 in the world*. All three departments are consistently ranked highly in leading UK subject league tables, with Economics ranked 1st in the country**, Philosophy ranked 2nd**, and Psychology ranked 10th*** in their fields.

As a Warwick EPP student, you'll benefit from access to a wide range of modules across the departments, allowing you to pursue your own areas of interest through innovative, research-led teaching.

** QS World Rankings 2024*

*** The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025*

**** QS World Rankings by Subject 2024*

100%

of our EPP students would recommend the University to future students

National Student Survey (NSS) 2024

THE COURSE

YEAR ONE

EPP Foundations

Your EPP programme will support you with the foundations of the disciplines and enable you to specialise and hone your skills to best suit your interests and career path.

Your first year comprises foundation modules in each department.

- Economics 1
- Quantitative Techniques, comprised of:
  1. Mathematical Techniques A or B
  2. Statistical Techniques A or B
- Psychology in Context
- Brain and Behaviour
- Introduction to Philosophy

In the Economics department you will cover micro and macroeconomics, developing the ability to apply analytical techniques to real world problems. Mathematical and statistical modules are available at either an intermediate or advanced level, enabling you to study these topics at the level best suited to you.

In Psychology you will be introduced to core topics in social, developmental and cognitive psychology, as well as the biological and methodological basis of current approaches to sensing, responding and learning. In the introductory Philosophy module, you'll study a wide range of historical and contemporary philosophical topics such as moral philosophy, aesthetics, and logic.

Pursue Your Interests

You will then be able to choose whether you wish to study one or two additional optional modules. These can be either within the three departments or from other departments in the Humanities and Social Sciences, including the Warwick Business School and the Language Centre.

Important Information

We are planning to make some exciting changes to modules on our degrees for 2026 entry. As modules are approved, we will update the course information on the website, so please check there before you apply and prior to accepting an offer.

"I was not familiar with either psychology or philosophy before starting my journey with EPP. The structure of the modules provided a smooth introduction into their respective subjects and were challenging as well. I particularly enjoyed Psychology in Context and found the topics we learnt really interesting."

// Diksha

YEAR TWO

Tailor Your Degree

In your second year you'll select a pathway, choosing either to continue on a tripartite course and study all three disciplines, or to move to a bipartite course and specialise in two of the subjects. You may also choose to major in Economics, which will allow you to graduate with a BSc rather than a BA.

BA Tripartite

- Microeconomics 2
- Language and Cognition or Perception, Planning and Action
- Philosophical Issues in Behavioural Science
- Foundations of Human Sociality & Cooperation
- Plus up to four optional modules

BA Bipartite Philosophy & Psychology

- Language and Cognition or Perception, Planning and Action
- Philosophical Issues in Behavioural Science
- Foundations of Human Sociality & Cooperation
- Plus up to five optional modules

BSc Behavioural Economics

- Economics 2
- Applied Econometrics or Econometrics 1
- Language and Cognition or Perception, Planning and Action
- Foundations of Human Sociality & Cooperation
- Plus up to two optional modules

BSc Economics with Philosophy

- Economics 2
- Applied Econometrics or Econometrics 1
- Philosophical Issues in Behavioural Science
- Foundations of Human Sociality & Cooperation
- Plus up to two optional modules

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YEAR THREE

Integrate Your Studies

In your third year you'll be able to choose the majority of your course from the large range of optional modules offered by the departments, giving you the opportunity to study the subjects that interest you most. Many students also elect to take a dissertation or a research project either in EPP or the field of their choice.

In your final year, all EPP students will study a co-taught capstone module specifically designed to combine the disciplines. This module is available only to EPP students and is part of our bridge model, providing real life context so that you can integrate your studies in the three disciplines and focus on important topics at the intersection of economics, psychology and philosophy.

All Pathways

- Group Mindedness: Perspectives from Economics, Philosophy and Psychology
- Plus up to seven optional modules

BSc Behavioural Economics & BSc Economics with Philosophy

On these pathways you will take a further core module specifically on Behavioural Economics.

"I thoroughly enjoyed all three sides to the course, but I was particularly drawn towards Economics and Psychology. For that reason, I chose the BSc Behavioural Economics pathway, as it most closely aligned with my interests. I did particularly enjoy one aspect of Philosophy, and so despite my pathway being Economics and Psychology based, I have taken an optional module in Philosophy."

// Tejus

"I have really enjoyed studying the three subjects, and I particularly enjoy being able to make links between my studies and the real world, for example linking social psychology to human behaviour, and using scepticism in philosophy to question what we really know about the world and our existence."

// Mehek

OPTIONAL MODULES

Combine Your Passions

Our academics provide research-led teaching, which means that they keep content fresh and up-to-date with current thinking and developments in their subject.

We also add new modules in line with research developments and in response to student feedback. You'll be choosing from a widespread selection of interesting specialisms and interdisciplinary options.

In Economics, you will have many opportunities to apply the principles of economics to practical study, focusing on areas such as development economics, the EU, behavioural economics, public policy, banking, industrial economics, and international trade.

In Psychology, you can choose to focus on areas such as health, culture, behaviour, ageing, sleep, families, development, and psychobiology.

In Philosophy, you will study with world-leading scholars in both analytic and continental philosophy. Topics in past years have included: Hegel, Nietzsche, Sartre, Film, Aesthetics, Feminism, Time, Terrorism, and Mind.

A selection of modules offered by the departments in recent years includes:

Economics

- Introduction to Environmental Economics
- The World Economy: History and Theory
- Economics of Strategy
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Topics in Financial Economics
- Research in Policy Evaluation

Psychology

- Psychology in the Real World
- Individual Differences
- Social Psychology
- Issues in Family and Development
- Psychology and the Law
- Attention
- Sleep and Health
- Animal Behaviour
- Fundamentals of Judgement and Decision Making

Philosophy

- Ancient Philosophy
- World Philosophy
- Thought and Language
- Philosophy of Evil
- Vagueness
- Feminism
- Moral Epistemology
- Kant's Ethical Theory
- Montaigne's Essays

Cross Disciplines

As well as focusing on individual disciplines, there is also a high degree of intellectual freedom to cross 'traditional' topic lines, as you can see from the selection of interdisciplinary modules taken in past years:

- The International Economy in the Twentieth Century
- Economics of Money & Banking
- Collective Decisions
- Behavioural Insights and Applications in Economics
- Post-Kantian Social and Political Philosophy
- Democracy: Authority and Resistance
- Philosophy of Religion
- The Philosophy of Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Psychology Across Cultures
- Negotiation and Influence

Explore New Subjects

Optional modules are also available from outside the departments. These can come from other areas in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Particularly popular are Warwick Business School, Sociology, History, and interdisciplinary modules with the Institute of Advanced Teaching and Learning.

Another option is to study a language. Languages are particularly popular if you intend to apply for a year abroad as part of your studies. We teach a wide variety of languages at Warwick, including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

YOUR LEARNING

Teaching

Most modules are taught using a combination of weekly lectures and seminars. Lectures provide you with information, analysis and argument, on the basis of which you prepare for discussion or problem solving in your seminars.

Seminars are much smaller groups, in which you deepen your learning through interactive group discussion, debates, and exchange of ideas. Tutors will provide you with reading, instructions, notes or tasks, and guide work and discussions. You'll be expected to prepare independently or in groups and share your views and debate the issues and concepts with your classmates.

Class Size

In the majority of your modules, you will learn alongside students on single honours and other joint degrees, exposing you to a wide range of knowledge. Therefore, some core module lectures may have up to 500 students in them, while optional module lectures may have from 30 up to around 200. Seminars usually have 14 to 18 students.

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The Times and Sunday Times named Warwick University of the Year for Teaching Quality in 2022

Contact Hours

Each module has scheduled hours of roughly three hours per week. So, in first year you will receive up to around 15 hours of contact time per week. This reduces to 12 hours per week in your second and final years. In your third year you may choose to place a stronger emphasis on individual research by writing a dissertation.

Alongside timetabled teaching, you are encouraged to make use of regular feedback sessions and opportunities to speak with module directors and seminar tutors. Departments also offer many extra academic activities, including optional lectures, colloquia, discussion groups, and workshops.

Independent Learning

You will also be expected to undertake independent study, helping you to develop your critical thinking and research skills. This environment of independent study will equip you with key skills for future careers, fostering self-discipline, initiative, and a proactive approach to challenges.

Assessments

You'll be assessed through a mix of exams, tests, essays and other assessments, and you'll get extensive feedback to help you progress. You'll also have formative essays and tests, which are assessments that may not contribute marks to your overall grade. They will, however, provide you with invaluable feedback on what is required from your degree, and guidance on how to develop your style and skills in preparation for your main assessments and exams. Some modules employ different styles of assessment, such as video assignments and peer-review projects.

"I've enjoyed the balance and freedom the course offers, allowing me to choose optional modules from various departments with assessment methods ranging from examination to essay based. This has made for a smoother transition into university."

// Diksha

STUDY ABROAD

Broaden Your Horizons

Studying abroad will encourage you to embrace different perspectives, challenge traditional ways of thinking, and provide an opportunity to fully immerse yourself in another culture.

Studying EPP gives you access to a wide range of prestigious universities around the world via the three departments, all with their own long-standing partnerships.

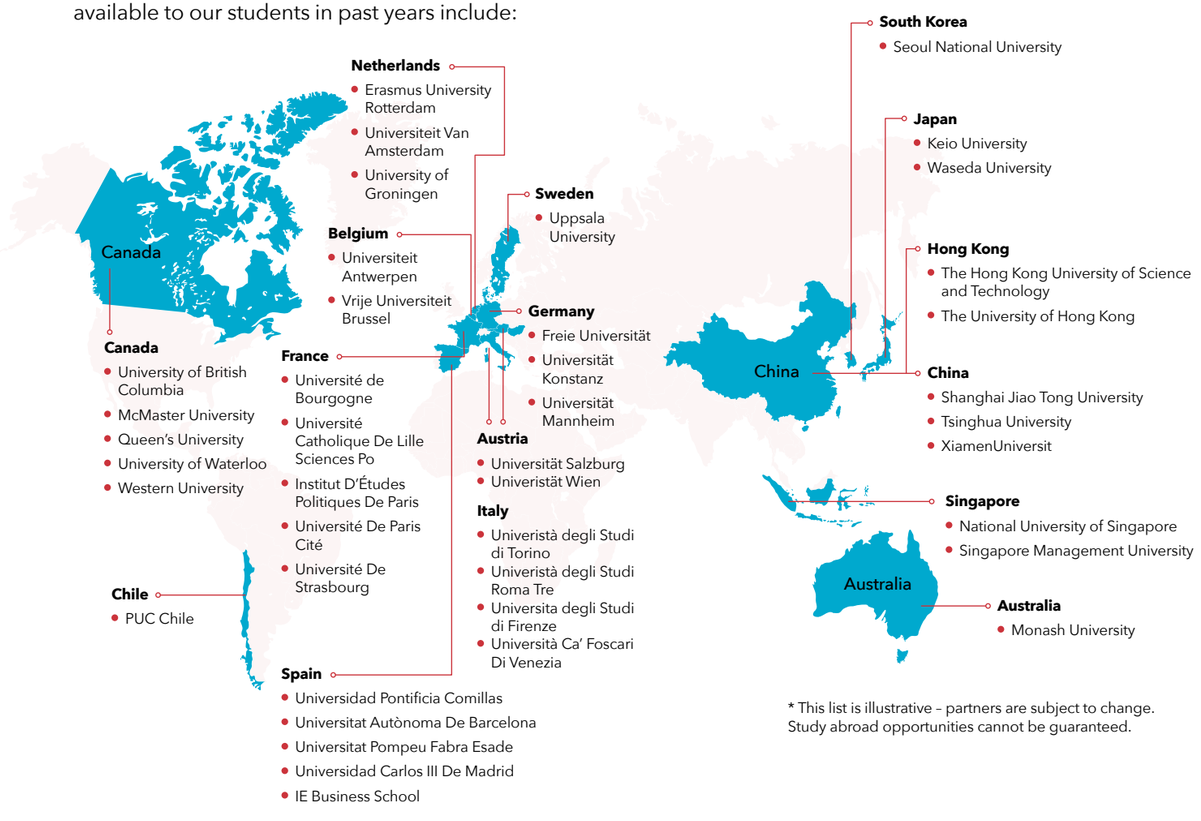
Intercalated: Study Abroad Adding a Year to Your Degree

An intercalated year will add one year to your degree programme, with your year abroad taken between your second and final years. The grades obtained don't count directly towards your degree, but if you pass the year then your degree certificate will show "with intercalated year".

You will be invited to apply during the first term of second year to one of your pathway departments. It is a competitive process, but there are a lot of opportunities. Each year roughly 15% of EPP students from a cohort study abroad.

Partner Universities

Examples of study abroad destinations* available to our students in past years include:



* This list is illustrative – partners are subject to change. Study abroad opportunities cannot be guaranteed.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Apply Theory to Practice

Work placements provide an opportunity for you to develop skills and learn from industry professionals, as well as explore a future career path.

You can undertake a full-year intercalated work placement in the UK or abroad and we provide support and guidance around identifying and applying for placements.

Our students have undertaken placements with employers from the private, public, and third sectors. This includes Governmental Bodies, Consultancies, Research Institutions, and many more.

BEYOND STUDY

Our Community

We think it's important to ensure that EPP students have their own identity and community. You will have your own facilities, with a dedicated EPP office and common room which acts as a hub for EPP students to gather, debate, and work together. The dedicated EPP academic staff are located in the three departments, which are all nearby. The Social Sciences building is right in the heart of campus next to the Library, Arts Centre and near to the main lecture theatres.

We also organise social events for you to relax and get to know your peers and tutors outside of the classroom. Recent socials have included a quiz night, summer barbecue, and pizza lunch.

Research Opportunities

You can explore real-world applications of your academic interests through our research schemes.

The Warwick Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme gives you the opportunity to carry out a summer research project whilst being supervised by an academic member of staff. You will receive living expenses and skills development training.

In addition, students regularly take part and present at both the International Conference for Undergraduate Research (ICUR) and British Conference for Undergraduate Research (BCUR).

"One of the best things about a relatively new and small course is the amount of interaction you have with not only those on your course but also staff members and lecturers alike. All the EPP students get along well with each other thanks to the socials organised by the programme.

There is an EPP Common Room with free tea and coffee, which is great place to spark conversation with people on the course. It's a tight knit community as we are all navigating our way through this course, so the environment is very positive and uplifting."

// Dhru

SUPPORTING YOU

Dedicated Staff

You will benefit from a team of committed faculty and administrative staff, ensuring that you have personalised guidance in navigating the interdisciplinary nature of the programme.

The EPP Director and Co-Directors are academic staff from each of the three departments who have responsibility for the operation and design of the EPP programme. They can provide personalised mentorship and support, helping you to navigate the degree in a way that aligns with your unique strengths, interests, and career aspirations.

The EPP Office will be your first port of call for any enquiries, meaning this one team can assist you with any area of your degree.

Individual Support

You will be assigned a Personal Tutor, who will be an academic member of staff from one of the three departments. They will be your contact for general academic questions and will be able to support you through any personal difficulties. Your termly meetings will be an opportunity to discuss your progression and review your skills.

Your Wellbeing

The EPP Senior Tutor oversees the Personal Tutor system and is available to students with more complex or ongoing pastoral issues. As well as our programme support, you'll also have access to the provision of the Wellbeing Support Services, which includes the Disability and Counselling teams.

Student Mentors

When you arrive, you will be paired with an EPP student mentor who will help you to navigate the complexities of the interdisciplinary programme. They will be able to share their experiences, answer your questions, and offer practical advice all while welcoming you to the EPP community.

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Warwick's Social Life

Warwick has more than 300 student-run clubs and societies, providing a wealth of opportunities for you to meet students with similar interests.

The EPP Society brings together all students with an interest in the disciplines. The Society runs speaker events, offers peer-support, supports career development, and arranges a range of social activities from sports teams, to quizzes and meals out.

In 2024 the Society organised their first Nudgeathon, a behavioural science event featuring a competition where teams leveraged insights from behavioural science to develop creative "Nudges". The event also included talks that highlighted recent advances in applying behavioural science to domains like health, sustainability, finance, and more.

Other popular societies of course include the Economics Society, Psychology Society, and Philosophy Society, which all provide opportunities to engage with the subjects outside of lessons and broaden your network.

Warwick Economics Summit

The Warwick Economics Summit is one of the largest student-run academic conferences in Europe, arranging engaging debates and workshops on global topics encompassing development, politics, journalism, and international relations alongside economic topics. The Summit features an impressive line-up of distinguished speakers - from Nobel Prize winners to Prime Ministers, human rights activists, and industry leaders.

"Societies have played a big part in my time at university, and have definitely improved my experience at Warwick so far. I am an active member of Warwick Women in Economics and Warwick Finance Society, as well as Warwick Asian Society. These societies have held a number of socials throughout the year allowing me to meet new people and make amazing friends, and the academic societies have been hugely helpful in providing academic support and career advice."

// Mehek

"I have been involved in societies ranging from academic, cultural and sport. I'm mainly involved in Economics Society, as one of their exec members, but also involved in Warwick Finance Society and Warwick Consulting Society doing student-led projects and attending talks.

In terms of cultural societies, I am a member of Asian Society and attend their social and cultural events regularly throughout the year. For sporting and others, I am involved with Economics Society Basketball and F1 Society. There's no limit on the amount or type of societies you can join, so I would encourage you to join any that pique your interest."

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WHERE CAN EPP TAKE YOU

A Broad Skillset

Studying EPP will equip you with highly transferrable skills in analytical reasoning, critical thinking and the ability to construct and explain complex arguments. The interdisciplinary nature of EPP fosters adaptability, which will allow you to navigate multi-layered challenges and contribute meaningfully to a wide range of sectors.

Careers Support

Our Student Opportunity careers team can help you to devise and implement your career plans at any stage of your course and up to three years after graduation. They provide skills training, employer-led workshops, alumni talks and regular careers fairs. You can also benefit from one-to-one bespoke careers advice and skills development with our EPP Careers Consultant.

EPP Student Ambassadors

During your time at Warwick, you can apply to become an EPP Student Ambassador; a role which will build your communication and interpersonal skills as you share your passion for the degree and for Warwick. As well as assisting both prospective and current EPP students, you will have further opportunities to work alongside staff on the programme.

EPP Graduates

Our first cohort of EPP students graduated in 2023. They are pursuing diverse careers in areas such as consultancy, finance, and the civil service as well as undertaking further study in subjects including International Finance, Management, and Economics.

"EPP has been hugely beneficial in helping me secure internships at several reputable organisations. Employers recognise the academic rigour and unique skillset that my course offers, and at times I've found it's actually given me more to talk about in interviews than some more common courses.

The skills I've learned and developed through EPP have transferred seamlessly in internships and study placements. The combination of quantitative and qualitative reasoning that the course offers has provided me with a significant advantage when it comes to tackling real life problems."

// **Tejus**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level: A*AA plus GCSE Mathematics A/7 or above (or acceptable equivalent)

IB: 38 points, to include 5 in Standard Level Maths/Maths Studies

We welcome a range of A level equivalent qualifications from across the world. We also encourage applications from candidates with Access to HE Diploma (QAA-recognised) including appropriate subjects with distinction grades in level 3 units and students who complete the Warwick International Foundation Programme (IFP).

If you're unsure what the level is for you, just get in touch ugadmissions@warwick.ac.uk

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information:
warwick.ac.uk/undergraduate

Offers normally exclude General Studies and Critical Thinking.

HOW TO APPLY

Everything you need to know about applying to Warwick is on our web pages. There is up-to-date information about:

- How to apply
- Writing your personal statement
- Key dates and deadlines
- How we process your application
- After you've applied

If you are made and accept an offer, and meet any outstanding conditions, we will confirm your place and look forward to warmly welcoming you at the start of your life here at Warwick.

OVERSEAS APPLICANTS

At Warwick, we welcome applications from across the globe, and have dedicated teams available to advise and support, as well as a global network of Agents and Representatives.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS

We're committed to supporting students from diverse and under-represented backgrounds. We do this in a variety of ways, including through our contextual admissions policy which is designed to ensure fairness in our admissions processes.

STUDENT FEES AND FUNDING

We want to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. We provide extra financial support for qualifying students from lower income families.

ACCOMMODATION

We manage approximately 7,500 self-catered rooms on campus for different budgets and requirements. Living on campus in your first year gives you the opportunity to meet people and form friendships whilst never being more than a short distance from your lectures or our amazing campus facilities. At Warwick, you'll enjoy the freedom of independent living with the security of knowing you're surrounded by people who can support you.

CHAT TO OUR STUDENTS ON UNIBUDDY

If you have questions about living and studying at Warwick, speak to our current students to get answers on:

- Campus life
- Accommodation
- Study support, wellbeing and more

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