

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

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Our lives are profoundly affected by politics. But how and why are policy decisions made? How do economic considerations impact on these decisions? What are the ethical implications of the decisions politicians make, and which decisions should they make?

Studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) enables you to develop your own answers to these questions and to consider the world from the viewpoint of philosophers, economists and political scientists.

PHILOSOPHY questions the underlying values to any economic and political considerations: What is the purpose of the state? Should the state provide only physical security and the rule of law, or should it also safeguard citizens' welfare and promote equality? In philosophy, you will learn about different approaches to these fundamental questions, and acquire the critical thinking skills that enable you to form your own position and debate it with others.

POLITICS shapes decisions on whether we live in a time of war or peace, where we can live and work, whom we can marry, what quality of healthcare we can access at what cost, how fast we may drive, and whether and how much we have to pay for school and university. In politics, you will learn to analyse and assess the complex political debates, ideologies and institutions which shape these decisions.

ECONOMICS impacts key considerations in many political decisions: Will higher taxes for the rich really leave us worse off? Are privatised public utilities likely to be more or less efficient than state-run utilities? In economics, you will develop your understanding of economic models to explain and predict economic behaviour and impact, and acquire data analysis skills to measure economic activity.

PPE is an ideal choice if you're fascinated by current affairs and want to gain a broad and rounded understanding of the world around you. Deepen your understanding of why and how governing institutions and big businesses make decisions, how the consequences of these actions influence our world and impact on our futures, and what would make for a better and more just society.

PPE AT WARWICK

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Philosophy, Politics and Economics 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 2nd in the country, Politics ranked 3rd and Philosophy ranked 4th in their fields.**

As a Warwick PPE student, you'll benefit from the innovative research insights of our teaching staff, who share your curiosity and love of the subjects. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021), all departments ranked in the top 10 of the fields, with Economics ranked 2nd in the UK for research excellence, and Politics and International Studies ranked 1st for Research Environment.

* QS World University Rankings, 2022
** The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2022

BRIDGING THE DISCIPLINES

Our bridge model enables you to identify and develop your understanding of how the disciplines interact by providing a range of opportunities for you to investigate how the three subjects relate to one another. You can study interdisciplinary topics throughout the course in core and optional modules and your final-year core modules provide real-life context, focusing on important topics at the intersection of the disciplines. Examples of recent topics include: climate change, migration and refugees, ethical limitations of markets, welfare measurement, national and global governance, and global public goods.

You'll also be able to make the most of other opportunities to investigate how the three subjects relate to one another, such as taking a module through Warwick's Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning (IATL), and undertaking your own interdisciplinary research.



91%

OF OUR PPE STUDENTS WERE SATISFIED OVERALL WITH THE COURSE*



93%

FOUND THE COURSE INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING*

*National Student Survey (NSS) 2021

FLEXIBILITY TO SPECIALISE

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, psychology, sociology, history or modern languages.

You'll have the flexibility to tailor the programme to your interests and future plans by choosing from a range of pathways. You can choose to continue studying all three subjects in equal proportions, or you may focus on two of the three subjects in more depth, even taking up to 80% of your optional modules in one discipline. Majoring in Economics means you would graduate with a BSc.

A DIVERSE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

With a community of over 180 members of academic staff and around 175 students in your year group from all over the world, you'll have the opportunity to draw on the multiple perspectives of people from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. There are also many opportunities to extend your learning outside of the lecture theatre.

SUPPORT

As soon as you arrive, your Personal Tutor and a student mentor will introduce you to life as a PPE student and will support your academic development throughout your time at Warwick. In addition, you'll benefit from the academic support of your lecturers and seminar leaders, who are experts in their field.

"PPE has really been an interesting course to study. As I am a person who loves to learn about a lot of things, it's been great for me to be educated in these three different fields. As challenging as it has been, I've really enjoyed how I can pick up knowledge in each subject, and then be able to look at another subject with fresh eyes due to this knowledge."

MINE





COURSE STRUCTURE

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

YEAR ONE

Your first year comprises foundation modules in each department. You'll study a wide range of historical and contemporary philosophical topics such as moral philosophy, aesthetics, and logic in the introductory Philosophy module, and political theory and political science with Politics. In Economics you will cover micro- and macroeconomics, mathematical and statistical techniques at either an intermediate or advanced level, and computing and data analysis.

Core modules:

- ▶ Introduction to Philosophy
- ▶ Introduction to Politics
- ▶ Economics 1
- ▶ Quantitative Techniques, comprised of:
 1. Mathematical Techniques A or B
 2. Statistical Techniques A or B
 3. Computing and Data Analysis

You will then choose one or two optional modules, either within the three departments or from other departments in the Humanities and Social Sciences faculties, including the Business School and Language Centre.

YEAR TWO

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.

Depending on your pathway, you will take a combination of core modules from across the disciplines from the following list:

Optional core modules:

- ▶ History of Modern Philosophy
- ▶ Ethics
- ▶ Applied Ethics
- ▶ Political Theory from Hobbes: Seeking Freedom and Equality
- ▶ Issues in Political Theory
- ▶ Economics 2
- ▶ Applied Econometrics
- ▶ Econometrics 1

Depending on your pathway, you'll be able to choose up to half of your modules from a wide range of options from the three departments.

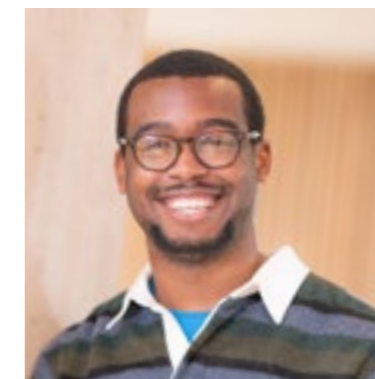
You can also study a variety of interdisciplinary modules, which focus on crossing 'traditional' topic lines and bring the disciplinary perspectives together.

Again, options are not limited to the PPE departments, as you may choose to study one year-long or two term-long modules in either your second or final year from outside the departments.

YEAR THREE

In your third year you'll choose at least two from a list of three interdisciplinary modules in Principles of Political Economy, which each combine two of the three disciplines. These modules are available only to PPE students and are designed as 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 philosophy, politics, and economics.

You will again be able to choose from an interesting variety of optional modules. Many students also choose to take a dissertation or a research project either in PPE or the field of their choice.



"The final year Principles of Political Economy module was really insightful, and allowed me to add a philosophical perspective to political and economic issues. It's a unique, challenging, engaging course, with so many layers and dimensions you couldn't imagine combining. It's one of a few modules where you can really integrate your entire PPE knowledge. It's a module that separates you from all the other departments and degrees and reinforces the importance of studying PPE."

ANTHONY

OPTIONAL MODULES

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. So you'll be choosing from a varied selection of interesting specialisms and interdisciplinary options.

You will have a wide range of interesting potential specialisms and pathways through your course so that you can explore the issues that interest you the most.

In **Philosophy**, you will study with world-leading scholars in both analytic and continental philosophy. Topics in past years have included: Sartre and Existentialism; Chinese Philosophy; Feminism; Logic; Philosophy of the Emotions and Authority and Democracy.

Politics and International Studies have four research clusters, whose world-leading work provides the basis for research-led teaching in comparative politics and democratisation, political theory, international political economy, and international relations and security.

In **Economics**, you can choose to focus on areas such as development economics, the EU, behavioural economics, public policy, banking, econometrics, economics history, industrial economics and international trade.

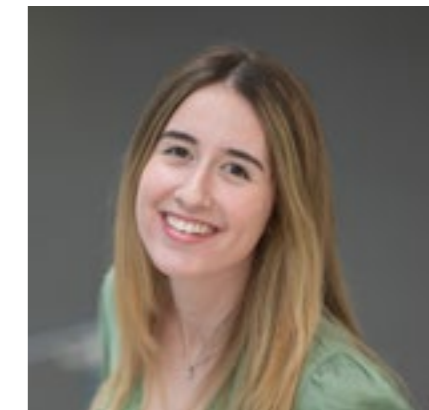
As well as focusing on individual disciplines, there is also a high degree of intellectual freedom to cross 'traditional' topic lines, as you can see from the selection of modules taken in past years:

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTIONS WITHIN PPE

- ▶ Philosophy of Religion
- ▶ States and Markets: An Introduction to International Political Economy
- ▶ Capitalism and its Alternatives
- ▶ Gender and Development
- ▶ The Political Economy of Money
- ▶ The International Economy in the Twentieth Century
- ▶ Economics of Public Policy
- ▶ Post-Kantian Social and Political Philosophy
- ▶ The Philosophy of Terrorism and Counterterrorism

CROSS DISCIPLINES

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

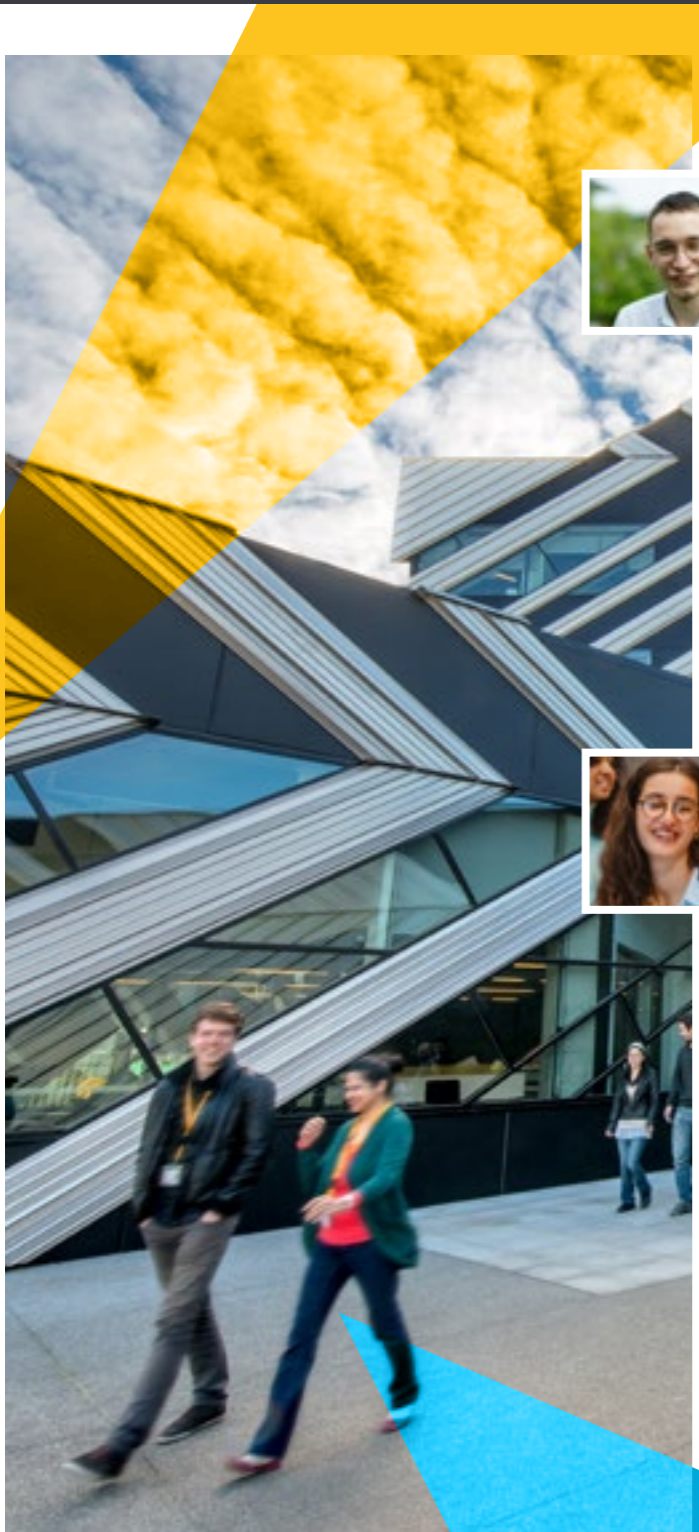


"The variety of subjects you can familiarise yourself with is the best aspect of studying PPE. I have taken modules from four different departments in the past three years and I absolutely enjoyed combining all the knowledge and skills I have acquired."

MERVE

LANGUAGES

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.



"I really appreciated the possibility to study abroad. I had a chance to go to the US and get a first-hand understanding of the American style of teaching that greatly contributed to my academic performance. Also, being there during the Presidential Elections was a real chance to understand American politics better and enrich my studies of this field. I returned to Warwick with a new perspective on education and American culture, which will support my further studies and prepare me for my future career."

LUKASZ



"During my second year I applied for an intercalated work placement year and was given the opportunity to pursue a ten-month internship of my choice. I moved to Brussels and worked in a leading political consultancy firm where I monitored and analysed EU financial services regulatory developments in order to assist our clients in their engagements with EU public institutions. This was a very enriching experience as it allowed me to apply the analytical skills I developed in PPE in an area of activity that mixed both economics/finance and politics. In hindsight, undertaking this intercalated year was the best decision I could have made as I discovered the realm of sustainable finance which then geared my decision for further studies toward sustainability management."

AUDREY

STUDY ABROAD

You can apply to spend a year studying abroad, through our long-standing partnerships with prestigious universities around the world. You have two potential routes:

Integrated: within your 3 year degree

An integrated year allows you to replace the second year of your degree programme with a year abroad. The marks you earn while overseas will count as the second year of your degree results, and you will take equivalent modules to meet your pathway requirements. Integrated exchanges are available through Philosophy and Politics and International Studies. In recent years our students have taken part in exchanges in Canada.

Intercalated: adding a year to your programme

The intercalated option 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 final degree, but if you pass the year then your degree certificate will show "with intercalated year".

There are also opportunities to undertake a year-long work placement or internship, either as part of your degree or as a voluntary year out.

*This list is illustrative - partners may change in future years.

Examples of partners available to our students in past years*:

- Canada** - University of Waterloo, University of British Columbia
- Australia** - Monash University, Melbourne (with potential to spend half year in Monash Selangor, Malaysia)
- Hong Kong** - City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University
- China** - Tsinghua University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Japan** - Hokkaido University, Waseda University
- Singapore** - National University of Singapore
- South Korea** - Seoul National University
- Europe** - Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden



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THE TIMES AND SUNDAY
TIMES NAMED WARWICK
UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR
FOR TEACHING QUALITY
2022

YOUR LEARNING

Typically, you will have 10 to 15 hours of contact time per week through a combination of 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. In your third year you may choose to place a stronger emphasis on individual research through a dissertation.

TEACHING METHODS

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. Module tutors are available outside of class to give advice on essay writing and other matters related to their module. They will also give you feedback on your essays to help you improve your writing and problem-solving techniques.

"The assessment system is highly flexible. I have been able to choose the assessment methods that suited me best. It gave me a lot of freedom in my organisation. It also allowed me to optimise my results by selecting the best assessment formats for me."

ARTHUR

SKILLS SESSIONS

Study skills will be built into your core modules in the first year. So you will develop your academic reading, essay writing, exam technique, and critical thinking and presentation skills. We also offer specific sessions in writing Politics and Philosophy essays and in maths and stats skills and using data analysis software for Economics. The Warwick Skills team offers the Warwick Award Programme to help you perfect a range of skills and develop yourself further.

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 compulsory assessments that may not necessarily 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 allow you to choose your assessment method, between essay or exam, or occasionally try different styles of assessment, such as filmmaking and blogging.

LEARNING OUTSIDE OF YOUR DEGREE

To deepen your knowledge and develop skills beyond your degree, there are many opportunities to get involved with student societies, volunteer projects, research assistantships, debates and talks with high profile speakers.



OUR COMMUNITY



"I have always really appreciated how PPE has its own identity at Warwick - I have always had a strong sense of community and belonging despite being a joint honours student. There is an extremely supportive network of people which has been an integral part of my university experience. The diversity the course brings can almost be daunting- it gives too much choice! The vast network Warwick has results in a wide array of directions one could go, but there is always someone that can help you."

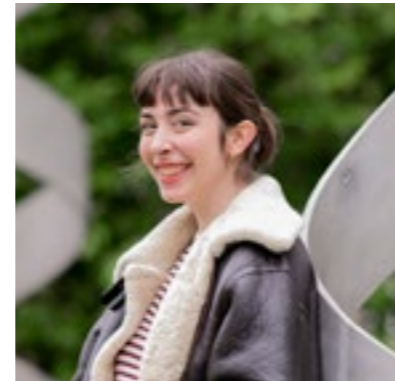
CERYS

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



"What I love about studying PPE at Warwick are the many opportunities to pursue your interests and talents far beyond the course. I had the chance to get involved in academic research as a PPE Research Assistant, where I worked with academics across universities on a philosophical research project. No matter what you're interested in - whether it is opportunities such as going abroad or specific academic fields you want to discover - you will always find someone to support you on your path and help you grow."

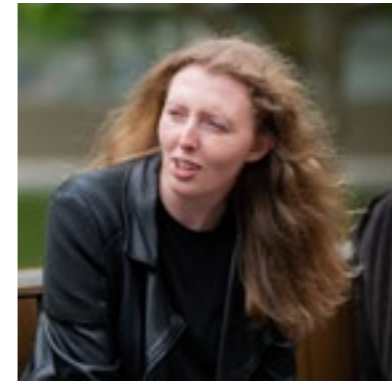
KATHARINA



"This summer I am taking an additional, not credit-bearing module from the Global Sustainable Development department. It's centred around sustainability in Venice, and all the students taking this module will be visiting the city! I can't wait for this opportunity to discover Venice and learn all about this vast topic."

LOUISON

SOCIETIES



"Alongside studying for my PPE degree, I've thoroughly enjoyed being involved with The Boar, the University of Warwick's independent, student-led newspaper. I've been able to use some of the knowledge I've learnt on the course when writing articles, and being part of the paper has also improved my leadership skills, communication, and confidence, too."

ALYSSA



"Outside of my studies I have been active in Rethink Economics Warwick, a network dedicated to discussing socio-economic issues, and I'm now Treasurer for the society. I have also contributed to the Warwick Think Tank report as a mentee researcher in technology and innovation. In addition, I have been trying to make the most out of the sports facilities and regularly use the climbing wall and occasionally go out for a ride with the cycling club. These have all been great ways to meet different people and complete my student experience."

THOMAS



"The PPE Society offers much more than just academic support. It is a wholesome gaggle of students navigating a challenging degree who want a network of peers to make their studies easier while having a laugh on nights out, socials and tours. In the past year, I've tried to go to every PPE Society event including a tour to Liverpool and talks from journalists, DJs, politicians, playwrights, and bankers. Without the society, I would not have the friends on my course I rely on so much or the feeling of completeness that I have with my first year of university."

OWEN

PPE GRADUATES

Some careers of recent graduates include:

Analyst, Broadcasting Intern, Business Analyst, Campaigns Officer, Charity Intern, Civil Service Policy Adviser, Corporate Tax Adviser, Diplomatic Attaché, Economist, Journalist, Lawyer, Lecturer, Maths Teacher, Parliamentary Assistant, Portfolio Manager, Production Editor (Publishing), Researcher (Think Tank, academia), Risk analyst, Sales Manager, Senior Associate, Solicitor, Trader.

PPE graduates have gone on to pursue the following postgraduate programmes at leading institutions in the UK, Europe, North America and throughout the world:

Advanced Computer Science and Internet Economics, Business Development, Continental Philosophy, Development Studies, Economics, Economic History, European Political and Governance Studies, Law, Marketing, Management with Finance, MBA, Philosophy, Political Science and Government, Public Policy and Development, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Strategic Fashion Marketing.

Employers specifically like PPE students because they:-

- ▶ Have mathematical, statistical and data-based research skills.
- ▶ Have developed communication and presentation skills in both verbal discussion and writing.
- ▶ Develop strategy and use creative thinking to solve complex problems.
- ▶ Consider social and ethical issues in a structured and critical way.
- ▶ Think clearly in the abstract and construct social arguments.
- ▶ Have intellectual autonomy, since much of their academic work is independent.



CAREERS SUPPORT



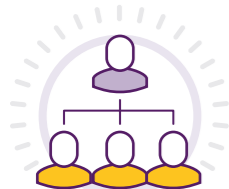
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 MOST TARGETED
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*(The Graduate Market in 2022,
 High Fliers Research Ltd.)*

Many of our students secure their own internships during their degree. Our Student Careers and Skills team can help you to devise and implement your career plans at any stage of your course and up to 3 years after graduation. We provide skills training, employer-led workshops, alumni talks, regular careers fairs and one-to-one bespoke careers advice with a PPE Careers Consultant.

The PPE Society has also run sessions with some of the high profile employers already highlighted and they also have alumni contacts who can mentor students interested in their field. Opportunities to work as a Research Assistant and Student Ambassador offer further work experience to boost your CV and gain relevant transferable skills.

"I use PPE on a daily basis at work, where I evaluate ongoing international development projects. My PPE skill set means I can engage in hypothesis-driven approaches to thinking and writing; I can design research, collect data, implement statistical and qualitative analysis, and draw conclusions based on what I find. Politics has also taught me the importance of identifying key change makers to have conversations with to make these evaluations useful and impactful in changing public policy both in the UK and abroad."

JONATHAN
 PPE GRADUATE 2015
 SENIOR ASSOCIATE, PWC



96%
 OF 2017/18 WARWICK PPE GRADUATES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE IN PROFESSIONAL OR MANAGERIAL ROLES SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING



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). So if you are unsure what the level is for you, just get in touch ugadmission@warwick.ac.uk.

Check these on our website www.warwick.ac.uk/ug/courses before you apply, so that you have the most up-to-date information, as the requirements could change for the next entry cycle.

Offers normally exclude General Studies and Critical Thinking.



HOW TO **APPLY**

Applications are made through UCAS ucas.com

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.

For more detailed information about how we process applications please visit:
warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

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.

For more information on applying from your country see:
warwick.ac.uk/io

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

warwick.ac.uk/studentfunding

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ACCOMMODATION

We believe that where you live underpins your University experience. Warwick Accommodation manages around 7000 self-catering residences on campus. At Warwick, you'll enjoy the freedom of independent living alongside your fellow students but with the security of knowing you're surrounded by people who can support you should you need it.

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DISCOVER MORE

To find out more about the University, including opportunities to visit and engage with your department of choice, visit:

warwick.ac.uk/undergraduate/visits

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