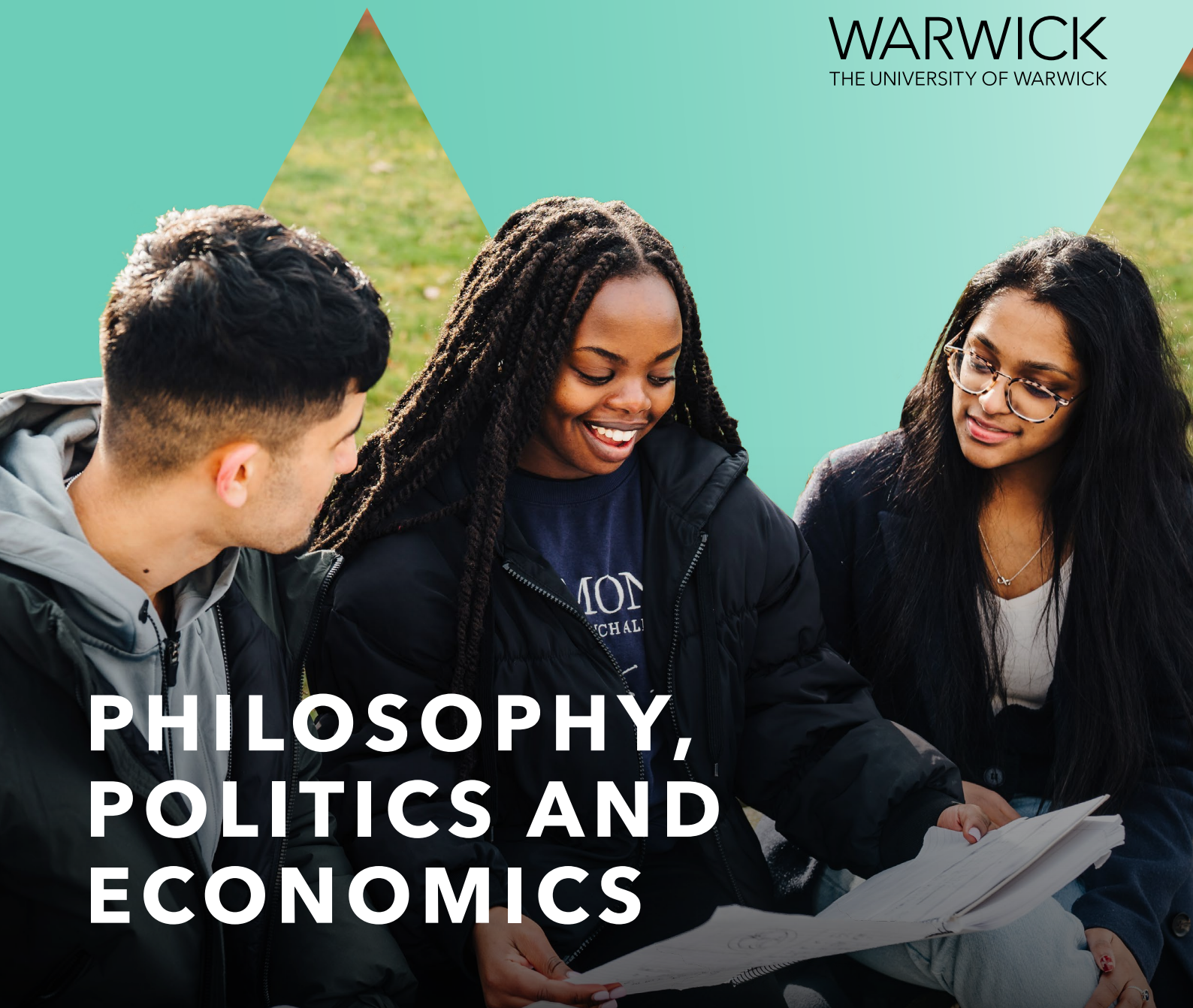


UNDERGRADUATE
STUDY



WARWICK
THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

WHY PPE AT WARWICK?

A Different Perspective

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

Bridge 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.

Examples of recent topics explored on the course include climate change, migration and refugees, ethical limitations of markets, welfare measurement, national and global governance, and global public goods.

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 six 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, psychology, sociology, history or modern languages.

95%

of our PPE students found the course intellectually stimulating



National Student Survey (NSS) 2023

A Diverse and Active Community

You will be part of a community of around 175 PPE students in your year group, with approximately 35% of students coming from outside the UK. Studying with peers from all over the world, you'll have the opportunity to work alongside the multiple perspectives of people from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.



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

Three Leading Departments

Warwick's Philosophy, Politics and Economics 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, Politics ranked 2nd and Philosophy ranked 5th in their fields.**

As a Warwick PPE student, you'll benefit from access to the huge range of modules available 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 2024



THE COURSE

YEAR ONE

PPE Foundations

Your PPE programme will introduce you to the foundations of the three disciplines. This will 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.

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Politics
- Economics 1
- Quantitative Techniques, comprised of:
 1. Mathematical Techniques A or B
 2. Statistical Techniques A or B

In the Introduction to Philosophy module, you'll study a wide range of historical and contemporary philosophical topics such as moral philosophy, aesthetics, and logic. In Politics you will study some of the core ideologies in political science, combining theory and political practice.

With Economics 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.

"I deeply appreciated being able to cater my core optional modules to my personal needs and interests during first year. All PPE students have an opportunity to decide the level of Mathematics and Statistics they wish to study. Since I was mostly interested in Economics, I decided to take up the more advanced modules as I knew these would provide me with a strong quantitative foundation to specialise in that subject in subsequent years. Despite its demanding nature, support is readily available to students in the form of advice and feedback hours, and collective study between peers is encouraged through module-specific study groups. Overall, I had a very pleasant experience and am confident that, through these modules, I have greatly improved my data handling as well as statistical modelling skills."

// Laurea

"I love how much flexibility PPE allows us in our choice of modules! In my first year I took an Art History module, focused around classicism and the arts of Christianity through time. It was a fun break from our usual topics, as well as a way to meet people from different departments and get ideas flowing. I found that what I learned in the module overlapped well with notions we studied in Philosophy of Art."

// Louison

Important Information

We are planning to make some exciting changes to modules on our degrees for 2025 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.



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

- History of Modern Philosophy or Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Foundations of Political Theory and Topics in Political Theory
- Economics 2
- Plus up to two optional modules

BA Bipartite Philosophy & Economics

- History of Modern Philosophy or Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Economics 2
- Plus up to four optional modules

BA Bipartite: Politics & Economics

- Foundations of Political Theory And Topics in Political Theory
- Economics 2
- Plus up to four optional modules

BA Bipartite: Philosophy & Politics

- History of Modern Philosophy or Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Foundations of Political Theory and Topics in Political Theory
- Plus up to four optional modules

BSc Economics with Philosophy

- History of Modern Philosophy or Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Economics 2
- Applied Econometrics or Econometrics 1
- Plus up to two optional modules

BSc Economics with Politics

- Foundations of Political Theory and Topics in Political Theory
- Economics 2
- Applied Econometrics or Econometrics 1
- 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 PPE or the field of their choice.

You will also 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.

All Pathways

- **Two of:**
 - Principles of Political Economy: Economics & Philosophy
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- Plus up to six optional modules, including a required number from pathway departments

"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

"PPE at Warwick is whatever you want it to be. I like that we're able to choose our own pathway through the course, so after learning the foundational knowledge for the disciplines in first year, we have a lot of choice over which topics to study in later years. This means that I can learn more about the topics that interest me the most."

// Alyssa

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

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.

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

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

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

Philosophy

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

Politics and International Studies

- World Politics
- Justice, Democracy and Citizenship
- Politics of the USA
- Public Policy for 21st Century Challenges
- Politics in Eastern Africa
- EU Policy Making
- The Politics of Climate Change
- Race and International Politics

Economics

- Introduction to Environmental Economics
- The World Economy: History and Theory
- Economics of Strategy
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Economics of Money and Banking
- Behavioural Economics
- Research in Policy Evaluation

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:

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

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, Law, Psychology, Sociology, History, and interdisciplinary modules with the 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

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 from your peers. 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.



1st

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 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 taking a dissertation or research project.

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 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 allow you to choose your assessment method, or occasionally try different styles of assessment, such as filmmaking and blogging.



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.

// Roman

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

Integrated: Study Abroad within your Three-Year Degree

An integrated year allows you to apply in first year 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. In recent years our students have taken part in exchanges in Canada.

Intercalated: Study Abroad Adding a Year to Your Degree

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 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 available. Each year roughly 20% of PPE students from a cohort study abroad.

WORK PLACEMENT

Apply Theory to Practice

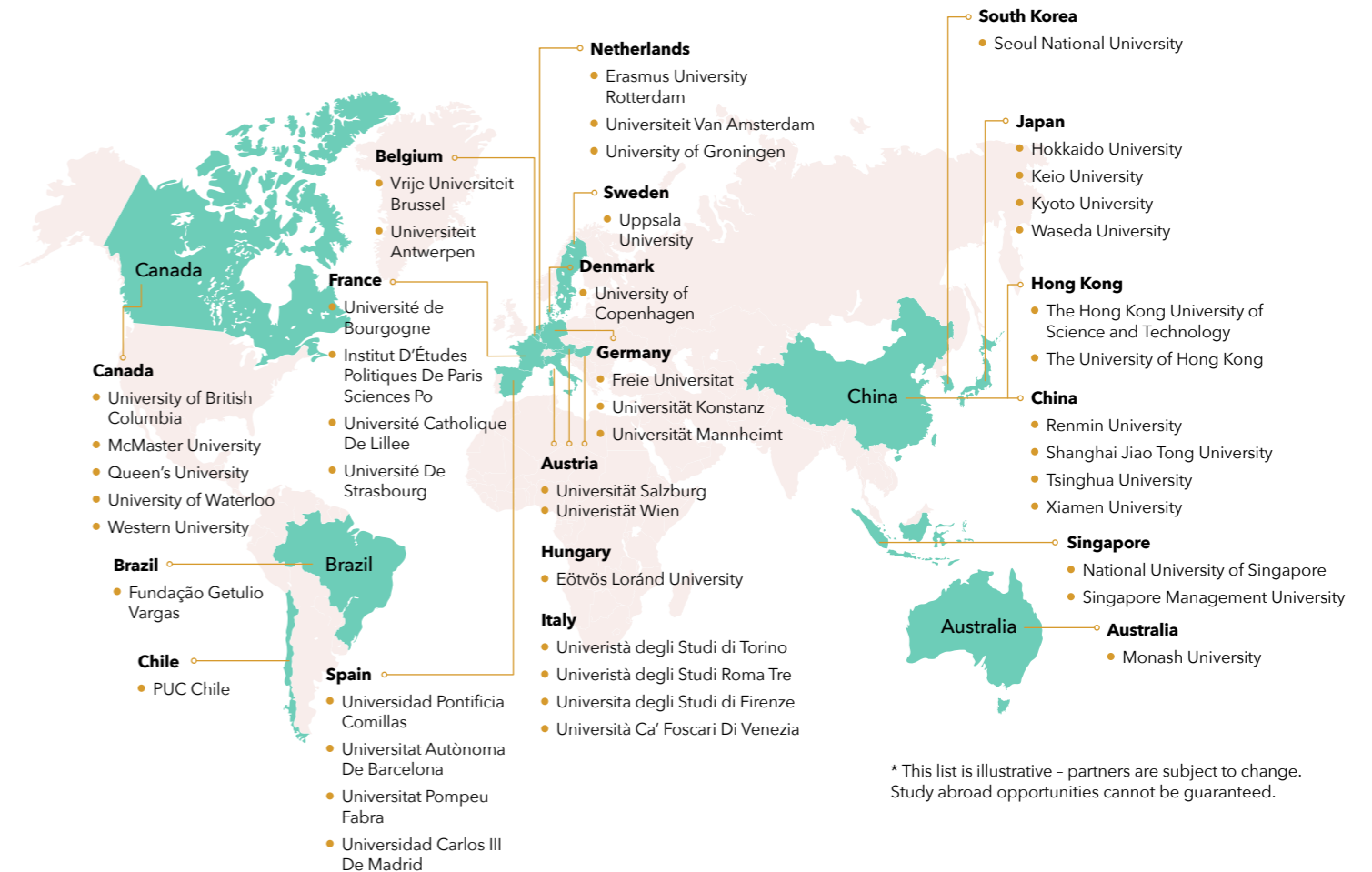
Work placements provide an opportunity for you to develop skills, learn from industry professionals, and explore potential future career paths.

You can undertake a full-year or part-year intercalated work placement in the UK or abroad. You could even combine a part-year work placement with a part-year study abroad placement. We also 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, Banks, NGOs, Consultancies, Research Institutions, and many more.

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.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Extend Your Interests

You can explore real-world applications of your academic interests through our research assistantship scheme. You will be able to assist faculty members with their own work, providing you with invaluable hands-on experience and insights into their research.

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

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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



BEYOND STUDY

Our Community

We believe it's important to ensure that PPE students have their own identity and community. You will have your own facilities, with a dedicated PPE Office and common room which acts as a hub for PPE students to gather, debate, and work together. The dedicated PPE academic staff are located here too, and all three departments are 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 barbecues, and pizza lunches with the PPE Director. We also hold an annual dinner and welcome PPE alumni back to campus to share their career experiences.

Department Activities

Each department actively engages with students outside of teaching, running seminar series and hosting events for students, or supporting student activities.

The Philosophy department activities include Question Time and Debates, Film Club, and giving students the opportunity to engage with philosophical issues while developing valuable skills.

In Politics and International Studies, the active Research Centres run regular talks and seminars that welcome students to engage with academics on their cutting-edge research activities.

The Economics department hosts Warwick Economics Lectures, with prominent speakers discussing topical issues on themes such as sustainability and climate emergency, artificial intelligence, and the economics of war.

"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

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 PPE Director, Director of Student Engagement and Progression, and Director of Personal Development are academic staff who have responsibility for the operation and design of the PPE programme. They provide in-depth personalised mentorship and support, helping you to navigate the degree in a way that aligns with your unique strengths, interests, and career aspirations.

The PPE Office will be your first port of call for any enquiries, meaning that you have one team who can assist 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 PPE 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 a PPE 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 PPE community.

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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

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 PPE Society brings together all students with an interest in the disciplines, and with over 1000 members it certainly engages with more students than those on the course. The Society runs speaker events, offers peer-support, provides careers development, and arranges a range of social activities from sports teams, international trips, and the annual PPE Ball.

"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 time at university."

// Owen

P, P and E Societies

Other popular societies of course include the Philosophy Society, Politics Society, and Economics Society, which all provide opportunities to engage with the subjects outside of lessons. You can attend talks from prominent speakers, contribute to the society magazines, and broaden your network via a range of social events. Student societies also maintain alumni and industry links and support students with career skills and contacts.

"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

WHERE CAN PPE TAKE YOU

A Broad Skillset

Studying PPE 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 PPE 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 PPE Careers Consultant.

PPE Student Ambassadors

During your time at Warwick, you can apply to become a PPE 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 PPE students, you will have further opportunities to work alongside staff on the programme.



PPE Graduate Careers

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 Graduate Further Study

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

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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

94% 

of our PPE graduates were in graduate level work or study within 15 months of completion*

* Derived from the Graduate Outcomes survey of 2020/21 graduates, carried out approximately 15 months after completion. Contains HESA Data: Copyright Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited 2023. HESA cannot accept responsibility for any inferences or conclusions derived by third parties from its data.

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:
www.warwick.ac.uk/ug/courses

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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