Economics, Psychology and Philosophy - Undergraduate Live Chat - EPP: Combining Economics, Psychology and Philosophy

Our Economics, Psychology and Philosophy Department will be online to answer your questions on combining Economics, Psychology and Philosophy.

Hello and welcome to the Live Chat. We’ll be hosting a Q&A session for today’s chat. Please feel free to ask your questions, and we’ll try to answer these for you. Chatting with you today are Chloe Stamper (EPP Programmes Officer) and Susanna Jackman (Academic Administrator).

Please remember that this is a public chat, so please do not share personal or confidential information. If you have anything that is confidential that you wish to ask, please contact us by email at epp@warwick.ac.uk.

If you would like a digital copy of our EPP prospectus, please send us an email at epp@warwick.ac.uk and we will forward one to you.

Hi There! I am just wondering, what type of degree does one receive upon completion of the program?

Hi Sophie. EPP students can choose to graduate with either a BA or BSc, depending on the pathway and modules chosen throughout the degree. For a BSc degree, you will essentially have more Economics modules.

Great, Thank you so much!

You’re welcome. Do you have any other questions that we can help with?

What are some examples of courses/modules that would be offered to students throughout this program?

In Year 1 there are four core modules which cover the three subjects: Economics 1, Quantitative Techniques, Introduction to Philosophy and Psychology in Context. This gives all students a solid grounding in the subjects.

In Year 2, students choose their pathway and can continue to study all three subjects, or to specialise in Behavioural Economics (Economics and Psychology) or Philosophy and Psychology. Again there will be required modules depending on the pathway chosen, including Economics 2, Philosophical Issues in Behavioural Science, Foundations of Human Sociality and Cooperation and more. There will also be optional modules to choose from across the departments.

In Year 3, students have a free choice of modules from the departments, so you can specialise your degree according to your interests.
is this an undergraduate course?
Hello Jolene, yes this is an undergraduate course available as either a BA or BSc, depending on the pathway you choose in your second year.

Are there specific requirements to be accepted into this course?
Yes, the entry requirements are:
A Levels: A*AA, no subject requirements, and A at GCSE Maths or equivalent.
IB: 38 points, to include 5 in Standard or Higher Level Maths/Maths Studies.

We welcome applications from students with other internationally recognised qualifications. Further information is available online; [https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses-2020/epp](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses-2020/epp)

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Hi Jolene. This combination of subjects is unique to Warwick at undergraduate level. Behavioural Economics is taught at Masters level quite widely, and this interdisciplinary area is gaining attention more and more. We have our own research group at Warwick which spans the disciplines, and so it seemed a natural progression to offer this combination of subjects at UG level.

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Hi Tom. Yes, you can choose to study abroad between your second and final years. This would add an additional year to your degree programme. The grades you achieve abroad would not count towards your final degree classification, but if you pass the year your degree certificate will show you studied EPP for four years 'with intercalated year'.

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Hello Lucy, graduates with expertise in the interdisciplinary area covered by this course are currently recruited for a wide range of jobs in fields like local government, public health, media, charities and NGOs, marketing and finance.

Ah, that sounds interesting. I've not thought about those careers before so it's interesting to know it's an option. Where do students normally go?

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For EPP, it is important you clearly express an academic interest in at least two of the 3 subjects of Economics, Psychology and Philosophy. The subjects can be discussed together, with a clear awareness of the fact that this is a course combining more than one discipline.

There isn't a right or a wrong way to write your application, but there are a number of things that you should consider to make your application stand out from the crowd. Tips on making an application can be found online: https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/tips/

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Thank you, that's really helpful.

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Hi Vrili. Yes, both Analysis and Applications are accepted, and we ask for a 5 in Standard Level.

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Hi Dana. No, we do not ask for any employment experience prior to applying. In the personal statement, we are looking for a strong interest, and for you to mention at least two of the three subjects. If you have had any employment experience which would support your interest that would be good to see, but it is certainly not required.
If I've done some volunteering, would that help my application?

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Hi Vignesh. The benefits of taking this course over Economics or PPE would really depend upon where your interests lie. We always find that students perform better when they enjoy what they are studying.

All three of those degrees (at Warwick) could lead to a BSc with similar job prospects, so it really would depend upon your own interests and what you would like to study.

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We do not currently have any graduates for this programme, as the first intake of students would be in 2020. There is further information about careers opportunities available online; https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses-2020/epp

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Thanks for your response, Susanna!

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In the first year, half of the modules are in Economics, and one quarter in Philosophy and one quarter in Psychology.

In the second year, students may choose a pathway and so specialise their degree more. The pathways are tripartite (to continue all three subjects), Philosophy and Psychology, or Behavioural Economics (Economics and Psychology). This last pathway is the only one that would allow you to graduate with a BSc, as it contains more Economics modules.

Depending on your pathway, you can take up to 80% of your honours years modules with one department.

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Hi Jerad. For Economics, Psychology and Philosophy we do not ask for any specific A Levels. If your question is about the Economics degree, we would recommend that you contact them on economics@warwick.ac.uk

This has been really helpful. Thank you!
Thank you for joining us and asking your questions. We really enjoyed chatting with you. If you have any questions, please contact us at epp@warwick.ac.uk. If you would like a digital copy of our EPP prospectus, please send us an email at epp@warwick.ac.uk and we will forward one to you.

Thanks! Bye