

ECONOMICS, PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY


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What are the cognitive and contextual factors that shape people’s decision-making? How can we help people make better decisions? What is involved in groups of people making decisions? These are questions at the intersection of psychology, economics and philosophy that have been the focus of intense interest in recent years, leading to research that has already produced exciting innovations in policy and business.

Studying Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (EPP) offers a unique opportunity to study at the intersection of three interconnected subjects.

ECONOMICS impacts key considerations in everyday as well as political decision-making: How do interest rates influence consumer behaviour? When does raising taxes on certain goods result in people adopting healthier lifestyles? Why do states do so little about climate change? 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.

PSYCHOLOGY provides scientifically rigorous insights into why people think, feel and act the way they do. It has the potential not only to help us understand our own behaviour, but to comprehend the decisions and behaviours of others, aid those who are more vulnerable, and change the world for the better. In psychology, you will gain an understanding of the psychological foundations of all aspects of human behaviour and the research methods used to study them scientifically.

PHILOSOPHY questions the principles and values underlying individual and collective decision-making. What does human well-being consist of? When are states justified in limiting the freedom of their citizens? What is it for a person to act rationally? 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.

If you have a keen interest in economics but also want to consider issues from a psychological and philosophical angle the EPP course could be for you. The current attention that this interdisciplinary field of research, particularly the area of Behavioural Science and Behavioural Economics, receives across academia, government and the private sector also makes it an excellent preparation for a wide range of careers within local government, public health, media, charities and NGOs, marketing and finance.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The EPP programme allows you to specialise and hone your skills to best suit your interests and career path.

The size and scope of the departments mean you'll have dozens of high-quality optional modules to choose from, while your core modules are carefully designed to provide you with a solid foundation in all three subjects.

In the course of your studies, you will select your own individual pathway, and thereby tailor the programme to your interests and future plans. You can choose to focus on two subjects in more depth or to study all three subjects in equal proportion. Depending on your chosen pathway and modules, you can graduate with either a BA or BSc.

YEAR ONE

Your first year will give you a solid foundation in all three disciplines of Economics, Psychology and Philosophy as well as training in qualitative and quantitative methods.

Core modules:

- ▶ Economics 1
- ▶ Quantitative Techniques
- ▶ Introduction to Philosophy
- ▶ Psychology in Context



YEAR TWO

In your second year you'll choose whether you want to continue on the Economics, Psychology and Philosophy pathway, studying all three disciplines, or to move to either the Behaviour Economics pathway or the Philosophy and Psychology pathway where you'll specialise in two of the subjects. Depending on your pathway, you will take a combination of core modules from across the disciplines from the following list:

Optional core modules:

- ▶ Foundations of Human Sociality and Cooperation
- ▶ Philosophical Issues in Behavioural Science
- ▶ Microeconomics 2
- ▶ Perception, Planning and Action OR Language and Cognition
- ▶ Economics 2
- ▶ Econometrics OR Applied Econometrics

You'll also have the opportunity to choose optional modules from the departments relevant to your chosen pathway.

FINAL YEAR

In your final year you'll study a co-taught module which is specifically designed to set the three disciplines in interdisciplinary dialogue with each other. On the Behavioural Economics pathway you will take a further core module specifically on Behavioural 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 EPP or the field of their choice.

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

In Philosophy, you can choose to focus on areas such as political philosophy, applied ethics, religion, feminism, biopolitics, continental philosophy, philosophy of mind, and philosophy in literature and film.

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

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 available in 2019/20.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTIONS WITHIN EPP (2019/20)

- ▶ Philosophy of Religion
- ▶ PDemocracy and Authority
- ▶ Philosophy of the Emotions
- ▶ Theory and Research on Emotion
- ▶ Body Perception: Neurons to Experience
- ▶ Psychology and the Law
- ▶ Collective Decisions
- ▶ International Trade
- ▶ Introduction to Innovation and Entrepreneurship

CROSS DISCIPLINES

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



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, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

YOUR LEARNING

Each department organises teaching slightly differently, but within all disciplines you will experience a range of excellent teaching, including lectures and small-group seminars. These offer opportunities for problem solving, debate, and discussion of ethical or policy issues. Typically, you will have 10-15 hours of contact time per week. In your third year you may choose to place a stronger emphasis on individual research through a dissertation.

TEACHING METHODS

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. Your seminar tutor or lecturer 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. Lecturers and seminar 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.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

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 employ different styles of assessment, such as video assignments and peer-review projects/portfolios.

SKILLS SESSIONS

Research training, personal and professional development are all embedded into your EPP degree programme. Study skills will be built into your core modules in the first year, helping you develop your academic reading, essay writing, exam technique, critical thinking and presentation skills. Outside of the Departments, Warwick also offers the Undergraduate Skills Programme and Academic Writing Programme to help you perfect a range of skills and develop yourself further.

OPPORTUNITIES 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.

ADDING A YEAR TO YOUR DEGREE

You will have the opportunity to complete a professional work placement in the UK or abroad, as an **intercalated (non-credit bearing)** year between your second year and final year. By doing so, you will transfer from a three year degree to a four year 'intercalated year' degree. You will source your own placements to gain work experience to support future applications and interviews, whilst also allowing you to begin applying the skills and knowledge you have been learning on the course.

You can also apply to add an additional year to your degree programme by choosing to study abroad at one of our prestigious partner universities in Canada, Australia, Indonesia, China, Japan, USA, South Korea or Europe*. If your application is successful, you'll go abroad between your second and final years. The grades you achieve abroad will not count directly towards your final degree, but if you pass the year your degree certificate will show you studied EPP for four years 'with intercalated year'.

*This list is illustrative of countries/regions where we have partner universities in 2019/20, this may change in future years.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level: A*AA, no subject requirements, and A at GCSE Maths or equivalent

IB: 38 points, 38 points, to include 5 in Standard or Higher 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 entry requirements on our website 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 www.ucas.com

If you are made and accept an offer, and meet all 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:
www.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:
www.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.

www.warwick.ac.uk/studentfunding

ACCOMMODATION

Warwick Accommodation has around 7000 rooms across a range of well-managed, self-catering residences. We also have an excellent network of support staff in the Residential Life Team.

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