



Philosophy, Politics and Economics

PPE provides a broad and deep understanding of how a society works, and indeed how international society works. It examines the complex economic and political forces in play, the problems of measuring and assessing the health of society, and the principles of justice that should guide political decision-making to improve society. PPE will teach students how to read beyond media headlines, and where to find more information about the hot policy questions of the day, in national and international contexts. PPE provides a thorough grounding in all three disciplines that are core to the social sciences.

The programme is quite structured at first, but allows more choice and more specialisation with each successive year.

Careers with Philosophy, Politics and Economics

The PPE degree combines three disciplines that share a commitment to rigour and problem-solving that make it an ideal programme of education for politicians, civil servants, journalists and managers. You will develop essential skills for any career that requires analysis, communication and problem solving. You will take a multidisciplinary approach to a wide range of policy issues to practice your skills in research, analysis, written expression and interpreting data.

This programme provides both a well-rounded education in philosophy, politics and economics, and every opportunity for you to determine for yourself which subject or combination of subjects you would like to specialise in. Generally, assessment will be by take-home essay and by exam-based essay in Philosophy and Politics, and by project and mathematical assignment in Economics. Continuous online assessment may also be used. There will be an optional final-year research project.

If you do not achieve a O3/H7 or higher in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent), you must complete an introductory Mathematics module during Semester 1 of your first year.

There are considerable national and international employment opportunities in the public sector and in industry. Graduates may pursue a specialist Master's degree in Philosophy, Politics or Economics or progress to various interdisciplinary Master's degrees in related subjects.

Meet your Lecturer

In this fast changing, highly interconnected society, we need an education that equips us to read beyond the media headlines to make sense of what's happening. PPE provides you with the skills to get a fully-rounded picture of what the world is, could be, and should be.

Dr. Alexa Zellentin
Lecturer in Political Theory



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University of Connecticut in Mansfield, US, is one of many possible study abroad destinations.

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester in partner universities offering PPE programmes across the globe including:

Belgium	Germany
France	Canada
Italy	US



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Year 1

Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Quantitative Economics

Foundations of Contemporary Politics

Introduction to Economics

Introduction to Ethics

Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations

Introduction to Microeconomics

Critical Thinking

Principles of Macroeconomics

Additional Philosophy Option

Additional Politics Option

Year 2

Deepen Your Understanding

Philosophy of Science

Individuals and the State

Intermediate Microeconomics 1

Two Philosophy Options

Research Methods in Political Science

Data Analysis for Economists

Either Comparative Politics or International Relations

Intermediate Macroeconomics

Additional option from either Philosophy, Politics or Economics

Many specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3

Refine Your Knowledge

Political Philosophy

Either Comparative Politics or International Relations

Statistics for Economists

International Political Economy

Two additional Philosophy Options

Intermediate Microeconomics 2

Optional Study Abroad

Additional Politics option

Economics option

Additional option from either Philosophy, Politics or Economics

Year 4

Further Specialisation

Philosophy or Politics or Economics Option + 3 options from each discipline

OR

Choose two from the following:
5 Philosophy Options | 5 Politics Options
5 Economics Options

Optional Research Project

BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Philosophy, Politics or Economics

MA in Philosophy
MA in Contemporary European Philosophy
MA in Philosophy & Public Affairs
MA/MSc in International Relations
MA/MSc International Development
MSc in European Politics & Policy
MEconSc in European Public Affairs & Law
MSc in Applied Economics
MSc in Behavioural Economics
MA in Political Theory

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc Equality Studies
MSc Humanitarian Action
MSc in Management
MSc Information Systems
MSc in Marketing Practice
MSc Environmental Policy
Master of Public Policy
Masters in Common Law
Higher Diploma in Social Policy
Higher Diploma in Psychology

Shape your Career

Media & Broadcasting
Public-Sector Management
Marketing & Advertising
Politics | Education
Humanitarian NGOs
Management Consultancy
Business/Finance | Civil Service
Recruitment & Human Resources
Research
Foreign Affairs | International NGOs