



Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Is PPE right for me?

If you are interested in learning about the foundations of philosophical, political and economic thought and their application in a real life environment then Philosophy, Politics and Economics could be for you. You will need good time management skills and good independent thinking as well as selective reading skills in order to get the best out of this degree. You will be expected to do lots of background reading in order to do well. The skills you can gain from a degree in PPE are wide-ranging and provide a good basis for employment in almost any sector.

Are all PPE degrees the same?

There is likely to be a diverse range of module options for this degree scheme. You may also be given the opportunity to complete an internship as part of your degree.

Some universities offer the option to study Philosophy, Politics and Law (PPL) as an alternative to PPE. The degree will have a similar structure to that of PPE but will have a focus on law rather than economics.

Each university will provide information about how their degrees work in their prospectus and on their website.

How will I spend my time?

Most Universities schedule from 10-15 hours of actual teaching per week for PPE or PPL degrees. This teaching time is usually split between lectures, seminars, tutorials and also some practical and fieldwork. Lectures will often be with the whole year group of around 100 people.

Lecturers will give their view on a subject or text and no participation is usually required other than note-taking. Seminars and tutorials are a little different in that they often require you to do some sort of preparation beforehand. Seminars will



generally have around 20 students and tutorials are smaller again. Both seminars and tutorials are more discussion-based, allowing you to share and develop your ideas. With these, the more time you put into preparation of material for seminars, the more value you will get out of them.

Skills you gain from a PPE degree

- critical, analytical and evaluative thinking
- good self-management and organisational skills
- coherent and concise written communication
- communication skills
- research and analysis skills
- independent working
- collection and analysis of data

These skills can help you gain work in banking and finance, teaching, auditing, government and many other areas, as well as paving the way to further study.

