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"I chose Warwick for its blend of vibrant global business links and excellent academic standards both set against a backdrop of a diverse community. The PPE course encapsulates that environment, combining quantitative and qualitative skills and interests."

Daniel Francis, PPE Year 3

Department of Philosophy

Department of Politics and International Studies

Department of Economics



Welcome to Philosophy, Politics and Economics

“Warwick’s PPE programme is about to enter its 13th year and it has moved from strength to strength in this time evolving in both curriculum and student experience to produce the programme that you will benefit from.

As a PPE student, you will have access to three departments with a field of world-leading experts and high quality teachers as demonstrated by our world rankings. The Philosophy Department came out 1st for output in the recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) and 4th overall. Politics and International Studies (PAIS) ranks 5th. The Department of Economics was ranked top Economics department in the country by The Times Complete University Guide in 2014. Throughout your degree, you will access the research expertise of scholars from each of these high-ranking departments.

Our ‘bridge model’ of teaching and learning means you do not just study the three disciplines independently, but are given formal and informal opportunities to combine insights from all the different disciplines. For example, the final year core module, Principles of Political Economy, is taught by members of staff from the three departments as a team. It is here that you will incorporate your learning from modules in all three disciplines and here that you will work together formally as a cohort of PPE specialists.

We look forward to reading your application and welcoming you on to the PPE programme.”

Professor Andrew Reeve
Director of Studies

Professor Fabienne Peter
Admissions Tutor



Your student experience

At Warwick we are known for our investment in the whole student experience. As a PPE student, you will have access to numerous extra-curricular events and opportunities to further enrich your time at Warwick, including lectures by visiting academics and guest speakers, mentoring, careers events and personal development opportunities.

Our full induction programme is designed to help you settle in quickly and includes a welcome reception, an introductory meeting with the Director of Studies, taster lectures and invitations to events such as the annual Economics Question Time which has attracted high profile panellists such as Douglas Carswell MP and Former Home Secretary Jacqui Smith.

Our PPE Society runs a Parenting Scheme for all first year students where our second and third year students act as mentors providing advice and guidance to help you settle in and make the most of your first year. All undergraduate students are welcome to attend various lecture series run by international experts in their field.

PPE students can currently access over 250 student societies, which include:

The Warwick PPE Society is a dynamic student run society which brings together anyone with an interest in the economic and social world around us. Awarded Society of the Year at Warwick in 2014, this is a diverse and active society with over 800 members in 2016 from across the University. The PPE Society organise the PPE Speaker Series and the **PPE Forum** – a student-run event that brings together well-known economists, politicians and academics from a range of disciplines and viewpoints to discuss one issue.

The Warwick Economics Society is one of the longest standing and largest academic societies – whose aim is to give its members a diverse range of events that helps them to progress academically and also along their chosen career

path. As one of the largest student-run academic conferences in Europe, the **Warwick Economics Summit** touches on a range of global issues including politics, development, finance and psychology, providing an opportunity for anyone with an interest in economic affairs and politics to discuss the latest worldwide developments.

The Politics Society is very active and hosts a range of activities, talks, careers events, awards, charity events, social events, a network of political party society support and offers you an exclusive chance to teach politics in local schools.

Warwick Philosophy Society provides everything from academic support, discussions and talks, to a variety of socials and aims you to help develop yourself philosophically alongside people of similar interests.

The Warwick International Development Society aims to raise awareness and actively involve you with global development through its internships and volunteering opportunities. It also hosts the annual **Warwick International Development Summit (WIDS)** which gives you the opportunity to directly engage with leaders and field workers in government, international organisations, business and NGOs.

We have many other extracurricular and interdisciplinary opportunities available. Here are just some that our current students have been part of:

Reinvention is an online, peer-reviewed journal, dedicated to the publication of high-quality undergraduate student

research. The journal welcomes academic articles from all disciplinary areas and all universities. All articles undergo rigorous peer review, based on initial editor screening and refereeing by two or three anonymous referees, who give you feedback on your work.

Warwick Globalist, Lacuna Magazine and **The Boar** are just some of the other high quality publications which PPE students have contributed to with critical analysis as authors on world politics, human rights, domestic affairs, and campus life.

The Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS) is a scheme to provide a bursary and skills development training to support undergraduate students who wish to carry out a summer research project as an addition to a degree course. You can apply for a URSS bursary to support your living costs whilst you complete a research project over the summer vacation. The URSS Experience skills development programme supports you with wider skills training and opportunities as you complete your project.

IATL: Our Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning (IATL) focuses on encouraging and supporting staff and students to push the boundaries of learning. You can take its interdisciplinary modules where students from different departments work together to better understand abstract and complex ideas. And if you have an idea for an innovative project that will enrich your own learning and that of your fellow students, you can apply to IATL for one of its 'Student as Producer' funding bursaries.

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Study Abroad

We support student mobility through study abroad programmes and all students have the opportunity to apply for a year abroad at one of our partner universities, as an integrated or intercalated year.

Integrated Exchange Programmes

During these programmes, you will spend your second year at a partner university. The grades obtained will count directly towards the final degree. PPE students going abroad in 2016-17 were eligible for exchanges in the USA, Canada, Australia, China and Japan.

Intercalated Year Exchange Programmes

On intercalated-year programmes, you can spend an additional year between your second and final years at a partner institution. You will follow an approved programme of study. The grades obtained do not count directly towards your final degree. Provided that you pass the year, the reward is that you graduate in "PPE with intercalated year," showing that you have broader experience than other graduates. The PPE departments are all active members of the EU's ERASMUS programme which in 2015-16 has offered opportunities for students at a wide range of EU universities.

Languages

There are many other ways to engage with other languages and cultures beyond your course through the wide range of cultural and language societies and World@Warwick. PPE students are usually able to take a language module in their first year and one at honours level. We have a wide variety of languages at Warwick including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. ◀

Simon Wilson
PPE, Year 4
with Intercalated Year



"PPE at Warwick offered me three main attractions. A course that opened the door to the links I wanted to make between subjects. A campus that caters for everyone, no matter where their interests lie. But most important for me were the way Societies and Sports Clubs were championed. From day one, the PPE Society, one of over 250 student-run societies on campus, made sure that I had great opportunities to meet people on the course and those with similar interests. I have run a high-profile Speaker Series which was one of numerous events the Society put on, with so many other societies also giving me the chance to think outside the box with the challenging questions I had faced both in seminars and student life more generally."

Gah-Kai Leung
Alumnus, BA PPE
with Intercalated Year



"My time studying PPE at Warwick has been filled with incredible experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life. There are too many to name here, but I would single out a few things. I spent my third year abroad at a French university, which not only improved my foreign language skills but gave me an additional qualification to put on my CV. A bursary from the Economics Department allowed me to present my final-year undergraduate research at a national conference; this has been excellent preparation should I decide to go into academia and also a great way to network with other universities! PPE's interdisciplinary structure has allowed me to benefit from teaching expertise across the Social Sciences Faculty and the insights of students not just on my course, but from a wealth of other fields. The community spirit of the campus is fantastic and definitely something I will miss when I graduate: I have made so many friends here and will be sad to leave them behind. Above all, I would recommend Warwick's PPE programme to anyone who wants to learn about three cutting-edge subjects that continue to shape the world around us."





The PPE Programme

The PPE degree will help you develop an advanced understanding of how social, political and economic institutions are and should be arranged. The three Departments of Philosophy, Politics & International Studies, and Economics are each large and successful.

The size and scope of the departments allow for a wide range of optional modules, while the core is carefully designed to give you a foundation in each of the relevant disciplines. Optional modules from an extensive range of subjects also enable you to engage with other subject areas such as business, law and modern languages.

We follow a "bridge" model that seeks to cross the gaps between the disciplines. To illustrate, the core module of the final year of study, Principles of Political Economy, is taught by members of staff from all three disciplines. It provides a context in which you can integrate your studies in the three disciplines to focus on important topics at the intersection of philosophy, politics, and economics. Topics have included distributive justice, globalization and international trade, climate change, global governance, and humanitarian interventions.

As the Research Excellent Framework has demonstrated, we work at the forefront of research in our subjects, giving you access to the latest knowledge in all three areas. You will gain expertise in normative analysis, political and economic theories, and their application to policy sectors, alongside the highly sought-after ability to interpret and evaluate contending arguments, before applying them to pressing problems.



Course Structure

Your first year comprises foundation modules:

- ▶ **Economics 1 (EC107)**
- ▶ **Introduction to Philosophy (PH133)**
- ▶ **Introduction to Politics (PO107)**
- ▶ **Quantitative Techniques (EC120)**

You then choose one or two optional modules. Options from the three partner departments have included World Politics, Introduction to Ancient Philosophy, Ideas of Freedom or The World Economy. But your options are not limited to PPE. You may also be able to choose modules from the Business School, from Psychology or any other Department in the Humanities and Social Sciences faculties, or from the Language Centre.

In Year 2, you select your pathway, depending on whether you wish to specialise in two subjects or continue to study all three equally. Depending on your pathway, you will take a combination of core modules from the following list:

- ▶ **Economics 2 (EC204)**
- ▶ **Economic Statistics (EC203)**
- ▶ **Econometrics 1 (EC226)**
- ▶ **Political Theory from Hobbes (PO201)**
- ▶ **Issues in Political Theory (PO301)**
- ▶ **History of Modern Philosophy (PH201)**
- ▶ **Ethics and Applied Ethics (PH211 and PH212)**

You will also be able to choose from a wide range of optional modules. Popular options in 2015-16 included States and Markets: An Introduction to International Political Economy, Politics of International Development, Contemporary Political Philosophy, Business Ethics, and Economics of Money and Banking.



In your final year, all PPE students choose two from a list of three interdisciplinary modules:

- ▶ **Principles of Political Economy: Economics and Politics (PH336)**
- ▶ **Principles of Political Economy: Economics and Philosophy (PH337)**
- ▶ **Principles of Political Economy: Philosophy and Politics (PH338)**

While some students will, in addition, be taking a pathway-specific core module in their final year, all students will be able to choose from a wide range of options. Many students choose to take a dissertation or a research project either in PPE or the field of their choice. Previous topics have included: *The Effect of Foreign Direct Investment on Death Tolls and Duration in Civil Conflict*, *Accounting for the Effect of Champions League Qualification and the Threat of Relegation*, *Central Bank Bubble Management*, *State Building and Positive Peace in Post-Conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina*, *EU Governance of the Human Rights Practices of Multinational Corporations*.

The above course structure is indicative and modules on offer may change year on year, dependent on staff research interests and availability.

Teaching and Assessment

Each department is slightly different in how teaching is organised and you will experience different teaching methods, including lectures, small-group seminars and tutorials as well as independent study. Typically you will have 12-15 hours of contact time per week in your first year and 10-12 hours in your honours years. Your final year has a stronger emphasis on individual research to deepen and consolidate previous learning.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by a mixture of coursework and exams. Year 1 exams are qualifying exams and do not count towards your degree classification. Your degree classification will be determined on the basis of your Year 2 and Year 3 results. ◀

Arthi Nachiappan
PPE, Year 2



"I never wanted to study anything that wasn't placed in context of the wider world. Here, I enjoy studying about the economies of Latin American and African countries as well as European philosophers and world politics. For me, this is a really important part of the flexibility of the degree at Warwick: you have the opportunity to search far and wide for something you're really interested in and then specialise."



PPE careers

Six months after graduating, 96% of our 2015 graduates were in jobs or further study with an average starting salary of £32,000 (Unistats 2015).

An independent survey ranked Warwick as in the top 3 most targeted universities nationally by the UK's top 100 graduate employers (The Graduate Market in 2016, High Flyers Research) and in the top 20 in the world for our reputation with employers (QS World University Rankings 2015/16).

PPE is a highly valued qualification which aims to equip you for a career in either the public or private sector, and develops your transferable skills in analysis, problem-solving, computing and handling statistics, and oral and written communication.

Our graduates typically progress to successful UK-based and international careers:

- ▶ in government services and think-tanks
- ▶ in financial institutions
- ▶ in social-service NGOs
- ▶ as entrepreneurs

Many also go on to study in prestigious graduate schools in the UK, the US, and beyond.

Some recent roles

Business analysts, Councillors, Diplomatic Attachés, Economists, Entrepreneurs, Investment Banking Analysts, Lawyers, Lecturers, Parliamentary Assistants, Policy Advisors, Journalists, Researchers, Solicitors, Tax Advisers and Teachers.

Some of our recent graduate employers

Bank of England, Civil Service, Deloitte, Ernst and Young, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Goldman Sachs, Harvard Business School, House of Commons, JP Morgan, KPMG, L'Oreal, Merrill Lynch, Ministry of Home Affairs - Singapore, Oxford University Press, PwC, Santander, Smith and Williamson, TeachFirst, UBS, UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

Careers Support

You can access support from the Centre for Student Careers and Skills who can help you devise and implement your long-term career plans. They run a packed programme of employer-led skills workshops and host four careers fairs per year. The PPE Society has also run a series of PPE-specific sessions with some of the high profile employers above.

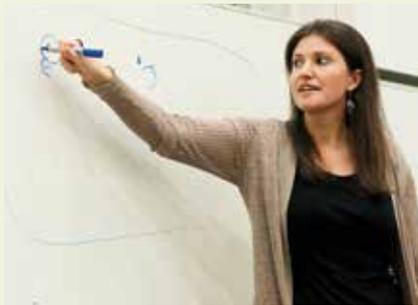
Through the Warwick Skills Development Programme we recognise extra-curricular contributions to employability, such as voluntary work and part-time employment, and help you identify and articulate your skills. You can attend a wide range of PPE, departmental and general workshops. In 2015-16 there have been workshops on: PPE career paths, applications, CVs, mock interviews, further study and going abroad. You can also see careers advisors one-to-one at any stage of your course and up to three years after graduation. ◀

Lyu Georgiev
Alumnus 2012



"The Warwick PPE programme is highly respected by employers which helped open doors to job interviews for me. Studying these three important disciplines equipped me with a more open mindset to approach problems from several angles which helped me throughout assessment centres and interviews. And the course content is exceptionally rigorous - I've used my revision notes and past assignments to solve real policy problems in my role as a Government Economist."





Student support

Warwick is a supportive and friendly community where many different teams are involved in supporting you with all areas of student life and any issues – academic, personal, financial or practical. Within the programme, you will have access to a strong support network as well.

Your Personal Tutor

When you arrive at Warwick, you will meet your personal tutor who can provide you with guidance and support for your general academic questions and any personal or academic issues you might have. You can meet your personal tutor regularly during the academic year so that they get to know your skills and experiences, and they can provide references for you during and after your time on your degree. Dependent on staff availability and your pathway choice for your honours years, students often keep the same tutor throughout their degree. Personal tutors are supported by the PPE Senior Tutor, who is there to provide guidance and support if issues continue or you are unable to see your tutor for any reason.

Module Tutors

Your module convenors/tutors are available outside of lectures and seminars during their weekly Advice and Feedback Hours. During these times they can provide one-to-one advice about the subject matter of their modules as well as advice on specific assignments or tests. These hours are a helpful way to get feedback and guidance on your essays or follow up on seminar discussions.

Your Academic Librarians and the Library

The Library provides you with a wide range of resources to support you with your studies, including printed and electronic books, journals and subject databases. These will all help you find research in your area and to do your own. You also have a specialist Academic Support Librarian to give you targeted support in each of the PPE subjects, help you to develop research skills during your course and provide training opportunities in referencing, avoiding plagiarism and using reference management tools.

Skills Sessions and Programmes

Study skills will be built in to your core modules in the first year, so you will develop your academic reading, essay writing, exam technique, critical thinking and presentation skills. We also offer the Undergraduate Skills Programme and Academic Writing Programme to help you perfect a range of skills and develop yourself further.

The PPE Office and Common Room

The PPE Office is a dedicated resource for the programme, which provides support throughout your degree. There is also a very popular PPE Common Room, providing free hot drinks and a place where you can relax, meet fellow students or study in groups.

PPE Society

The PPE Society also offer award-winning opportunities to their PPE-student members. When you arrive, you will receive a PPE parent who is a current student who can tell you about their experience of life and studies at Warwick. These student volunteers can also help guide and support you, give advice and answer questions you may have. There are also society careers events and links to alumni mentors, which can help support preparation for networking, skills development and applications in your chosen career path. ◀



Next steps

Thinking about applying? There are a few things about the process you should know:

- ▶ All applications to undergraduate courses are made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service), and you will be able to apply to up to five courses.
- ▶ You'll submit one UCAS form with your qualifications, predicted grades, a reference and your personal statement.
- ▶ UCAS sends this to each of your chosen universities, who then decide whether to make you an offer for your chosen course.
- ▶ We won't see which other courses and universities you have applied to.
- ▶ You receive a decision via UCAS Track
- ▶ The UCAS deadline for our courses is 15 January; we give equal consideration to all applications received before this date.



You have one personal statement for all your courses. This is where you demonstrate your interest in the subject and tell us why you would be a great student for our course. So, the more thought-through your course choices, the easier your personal statement will be to write. For PPE, we are looking for you to demonstrate interest in and analytical engagement with at least two of the PPE subjects in your statement.

Of course, taking the time to research and consider your options is also advisable to find the right course and place for you. Also check the typical offers and any essential subjects for each course.

You've received an offer...

Once you have received a decision from all your courses, you must choose your first choice course (firm choice).

Unless you've already taken your exams, your offer will be conditional on achieving specified grades. Your place at your firm choice is guaranteed if you meet these conditions at results time. So your firm choice needs to be where you want and intend to go, as long as everything goes to plan.

You might also select an insurance choice, in case you miss your grades for your firm choice. You will only go to your insurance if you are not accepted by your firm choice, but do meet the grades of your insurance offer.

You may want to bear this in mind when applying, and consider one or two courses with a lower typical offer to serve as a 'back up' for you.



And also...

Check out studentblogs.warwick.ac.uk and read about daily life for our student bloggers.

Visit to get a feel for Warwick for yourself. If you receive an offer we will invite you to come along to an offer-holders' day so you can meet us, our students and see the department. But you are also welcome to come to see our campus anytime, or book onto a tour or visit day. See warwick.ac.uk/ug/visits

Find out more details about our course and departments by visiting the PPE website www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ppe

Browse warwick.ac.uk/ug for information about university life, including finance, accommodation and campus life at Warwick. ◀

Entry requirements

Our typical entry conditions:

A level

A*AA. Plus, GCSE Mathematics A or above (or equivalent).

International Baccalaureate

38 points, to include 5 in Standard Level Maths/ Maths Studies.

These are our entry conditions for 2017-18. Check these on our website before you apply to see if the entry requirements are the same for your entry cycle.

Other Qualifications

We welcome applications from students with other internationally recognised qualifications. For more information please visit the international entry requirements page. www.warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/entry

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).

Fees and Finance

The University wants to ensure that, wherever possible, financial circumstances do not become a barrier to studying at Warwick. The following information is relevant to students commencing their studies in 2017.

These are fees predicted for the 2017/18 intake and may be subject to increase. Please check the website for the latest information.

▶ Qualification: Undergraduate

▶ Home/EU: £9,000pa

▶ Overseas: £22,260pa

Undergraduate funding for home/ EU students

There are currently no upfront tuition costs. Students studying for their first higher education qualification can apply for a tuition fee loan for each year of their course.

UK students can apply for living cost loans to help with expenses such as rent, food and books.

Students from lower income families may receive a non-repayable living cost grant.

Loans are repaid gradually only once you have a job and are earning more than £21,000 a year.

For more information about government funding, visit the Student Funding Webpages.

Warwick Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries

The University usually provides a package of scholarship and bursary support for students commencing their studies in 2017 dependent on family income.

For information on our 2016-17 bursaries, please see: www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/warwickusb/2016entry

International Students

For new international students, a limited number of scholarships may be available, and further information can be obtained from the International Office website: www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/admissions/finance/scholarships

International students may also be eligible for financial help from their own governments, from the British Council or from other funding agencies. Information on scholarships can usually be obtained from the Ministry of Education in the student's own country, or from the local British Council office.

It is very important that you do not travel to the University or to the UK until you have been formally notified that you will be admitted to Warwick and you are certain that you have sufficient funds to pay for all of your academic fees and all of your living expenses. All offers of a place at the University are made on the understanding that you will be able to meet all these costs in full. ◀



Other Qualifications

www.warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/entry

Warwick Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries

www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/funding/fundingyourstudies/warwickusb/2016entry

International Scholarships and Bursaries

www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/admissions/finance/scholarships

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