



B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (PPE)
(MH101 PPE)
2020/21

‘The ideas of economists and political philosophers, both when they are right and when they are wrong, are more powerful than is commonly understood. Indeed the world is ruled by little else.’

J.M. Keynes

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) brings together the most important approaches needed to understand and address the key challenges faced by the world today, among them the challenges to liberal democracy and civil society, the rise in populism, authoritarianism, nativism and racism, the forces of globalisation, the process of radicalisation and the fault lines caused by economic inequality.

Philosophy

Provides key foundational concepts necessary for a deep understanding of political, social, economic and ethical theories.

Politics

Examines the ways in which political-institutional structures, theories, and practices shape our lives as individuals and as members of society.

Economics

Explores how economic actors—consumers, firms, government—make decisions that allocate the economy’s scarce resources to the benefit of the many or the few.

Career options

Graduates enter a variety of careers including politics, journalism, law, the public services (including the civil and diplomatic services), finance, industry, teaching, social work, accountancy, business management, management consultancy and advertising.

Graduates also pursue postgraduate studies such as an interdisciplinary masters or Ph.D. in PPE, or a disciplinary masters or Ph.D. in Philosophy, Sociology, or Economics.

Aims and Objectives

This course gives students the multidisciplinary foundation necessary to understand, analyse, and address the fundamental problems faced by modern society.



Structure

PPE is a flexible three-year B.A. (four year B.A. International) where Philosophy, Politics, and Economics are all studied in each year of the programme.

First Year

The first year course consists of 15 credits in each of the constituent subjects and in one additional subject or Critical Skills.

Course Outline First Year (All Modules Are Compulsory)

First semester:

PH153 Introduction to Philosophy: Twelve Philosophers

PO152 Introduction to Political Institutions

EC101 Microeconomics

Second semester:

PH154 Topics in Ethics: Law, Morality, Punishment, and Rights

PO151 Introduction to Political Ideals

EC103 Introduction to Macroeconomics and Quantitative Methods

Second Year

In each semester you will take one compulsory module and one additional module in each subject.

The second year course consists of modules worth 60 credits.

Course Outline Second Year

First semester:

Philosophy:

PH202 Moral Philosophy in a Globalised Society (compulsory)

PH206 Epistemology

PH201 Ancient Greek Philosophy

PH215A Introduction to Logic

Politics:

PO205 Democracy and Citizenship (compulsory)

PO203 International Relations

PO223 Introduction to Research Methods (Note: You should take this module if you intend to do a final year project in Politics, i.e., module PO303A.)

Economics:

EC201 Intermediate Microeconomics (compulsory)

EC216 History of Economic Thought

EC205 Econometrics (Intermediate Quantitative Analysis for Economics and Business)

Second semester:

Philosophy:

PH220: Towards a Philosophy of Toleration (compulsory)

PH204 Medieval Philosophy

PH205 Unique Animals? Anthropological Concepts in Philosophy

PH215B Philosophy in the Digital Age

Politics:

PO304 Society and State (compulsory)

PO305 Politics in the EU

SO331 Social Movements and Collective Action

Economics:

EC202A Intermediate Macroeconomics (compulsory)

EC206 Introductory Statistical Methods for Economics and Business

EC214 Public Economics

Third Year

The third year course consists of modules worth 60 credits. In each semester you will take one compulsory module in each subject and one additional module. Please note that the dissertation is compulsory. You may replace one of the additional modules of your choice in any subject with the dissertation.

This may also be the time for you to consider a Postgraduate degree in PPE.

Course Outline Third Year

First semester:

Philosophy:

PH354: Rationalists and Empiricists (compulsory)

PH352: Introduction to Life Philosophy

PH353: Hegel, Feuerbach, Marx and the Critique of Religion

PH316A Dissertation (full year, 5 credits)

Politics:

PO311 The Politics of Ethnic Conflict in Europe and the Wider World (compulsory)

PO312 Gender and Politics

SO319 Revolutions

PO303A Special Topic Research Project (full year, 10 credits)

Economics:

EC301 Advanced Microeconomics (compulsory)

EC306 Econometrics

EC217 Economics of the European Union

EC399 Economics Dissertation (full year, 5 credits)

Second semester:

Philosophy:

PH355: From Modernism to Postmodernism (compulsory)

PH331A: Phenomenology

PH334A: Topics in Analytic Philosophy

Politics:

PO315 Irish Politics and Society (compulsory)

PO314 Policies and Policy-Making in the European Union

Economics:

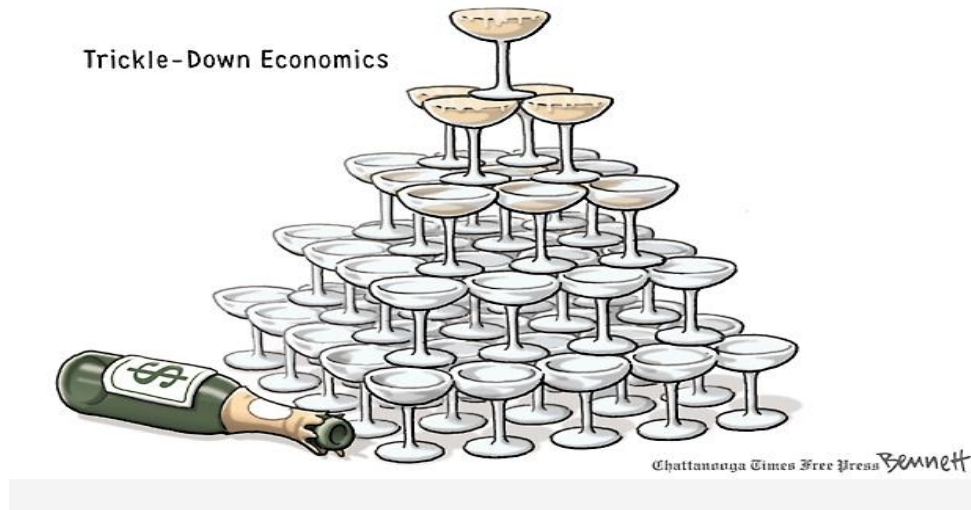
EC315 Economics of Inequality (compulsory)

EC302 Advanced Macroeconomics

EC308 Competition and Regulation

EC318 International Trade and Globalisation

Dissertation (semester I and II, compulsory): Please note that a dissertation in **one** of the subjects is compulsory. Please consult the individual Departments and Departmental handbooks for requirements and detailed module information.



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Student Testimonial

‘PPE can help you understand how the world around us works – we work in an economy; we live in a society; we are citizens of a state. Common to all our roles in life is our own rational curious mind, capable of questioning and understanding the philosophical arguments that often underpin those roles. Studying the big questions and their multiple answers in Maynooth has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life so far!’ –

Cathal Coffey PPE Class of 2018