Overview

The Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (BPPE) provides graduates with a uniquely powerful combination of intellectual tools with which to understand and act on the world. PPE graduates globally are recognised leaders in all aspects of public life, including the highest reaches of government, political parties and lobby groups, the public service, NGOs, and social activist organisations. It also equips students for careers in banking, consultancy work, and strategic advising to major corporations. PPE graduates are also well known as public commentators on contemporary issues.

The PPE will help you bring the perspectives of three crucial intellectual disciplines to pressing contemporary national and global issues such as justice, inequality and climate change. As well as combining a carefully chosen combination of existing courses from the Politics and International Relations, Philosophy, and Economics streams, the program will include courses specifically designed to enable you to explore the synergies and tensions between them and assess their relevance to meeting humanity's most difficult challenges.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Connect the study of Philosophy, Politics and Economics to the historical and contemporary challenges of local, regional and global contexts.
   - Global Citizens
   - Leaders
   - Scholars

2. Explain the contested character of forms of philosophical, political and economic inquiry and the connections between them.
   - Scholars

3. Articulate the various processes, practices and dilemmas of policy formation in local, regional and global contexts.
   - Professionals
   - Scholars

4. Interpret and critically evaluate key concepts, theoretical perspectives and practices of analysis in the study of social, political and economic institutions, actors and systems in local, regional and global contexts.
   - Global Citizens
   - Professionals
   - Scholars

5. Exhibit initiative and self-direction.
   - Professionals
   - Leaders

6. Articulate disciplinary theories and practices of politics, philosophy and economics, and integrate them with cross-disciplinary concerns and connections.
   - Scholars

7. Critically and creatively employ appropriate methodologies and disciplinary bodies of knowledge and appraise disciplinary perspectives on social, political and economic problems and policies in professional practice and/or scholarship.
   - Professionals
   - Leaders

8. Act ethically, respectfully and responsibly.
   - Global Citizens
   - Professionals
   - Leaders

9. Continuously acquire knowledge and skills and reflect on existing knowledge and skills for personal and career fulfilment.
   - Leaders
   - Scholars
   - Professionals

10. Communicate and debate complex ideas in a range of different contexts using a variety of suitable media.
    - Professionals
    - Leaders
    - Scholars

Graduate Capabilities:
For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
**Program Structure**

Students must complete 144 UOC as a standalone program.

**Level 1 Core Courses**

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

- ARTS1362 | 6 UOC
  Critical Thinking for Today’s World

- ARTS1810 | 6 UOC
  Foundations of Politics and International Relations

- ECON1101 | 6 UOC
  Microeconomics 1

- ECON1202 | 6 UOC
  Quantitative Analysis for Business and Economics

- PPEC1001 | 6 UOC
  Introduction to Politics, Philosophy and Economics

One of the following:

- ARTS1811 | 6 UOC
  Contemporary Issues in Government and Global Politics

- ARTS1846 | 6 UOC
  Politics, Peace and Prosperity

One of the following:

- ARTS1360 | 6 UOC
  Truth and Human Existence: Introduction to Philosophy (1A)

- ARTS1361 | 6 UOC
  Mind, Ethics, and Freedom: Introduction to Philosophy (1B)
## Level 2 Core Courses

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

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<td>ARTS2816</td>
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<td>Qualitative Research for Political and Social Problems</td>
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<td>ECON2403</td>
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<td>PPEC2001</td>
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## Level 3 Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

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<td>ARTS3812</td>
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<td>Manias, Panics and Crashes: Global Political Economy in an Era of Crisis</td>
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<td>ECON3106</td>
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Majors

Completion of a specialisation is optional. Students may choose a maximum of one specialisation listed below. Note that courses listed in the specialisation may already have been completed as part of satisfying the core requirements of this program and do not need to be completed twice.

MAJOR:

ECONA1  |  60 UOC
Economics

PHILE1  |  60 UOC
Philosophy

POLSG1  |  60 UOC
Politics and International Relations

Prescribed Electives

Students not completing an optional major are required to complete 24 UOC of prescribed electives from courses offered in the Economics (ECONA1), Philosophy (PHILE1) or Politics and International Relations (POLSG1) majors. ATSI2012 Contemporary Issues in International Politics or ATSI2014 Indigenous People and Policy may also be taken to meet this requirement. Please view the individual major entries in this Handbook for a list of approved courses.

Free Electives

Students who have completed an optional major are not required to take any free electives. This requirement is met by completion of the optional major. Students not completing a major are required to take 12 UOC of Free Electives.

any course

Level 2 Maturity Requirements
You must have completed 24 UOC before taking any Level 2 courses (excluding ECON courses).

any course

**Level 3 Maturity Requirements**

You must have completed 66 UOC before taking any Level 3 courses (excluding ECON courses).

any course

**Sample Programs**

To access sample program(s), please visit:

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Related Programs

Related Double Degree Programs

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics - BPPE
Bachelor of Laws - LLB
4797 Politics, Philosophy and Economics / Law

Faculty: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 288
Typical Duration: 6 Years

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Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts - BA
3409 Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

Read More

Bachelor of Arts and Business - BArts (Bus)
3444 Arts and Business

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

Read More

Bachelor of Economics - BEc
3543 Economics

Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Honours) - **BASS (Hons)**

4504 Arts & Social Sciences (Hons)

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

Master of International Relations - **MIR**

8233 International Relations

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

Master of Development Studies - **MDS**

8942 Development Studies

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years
Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Progression rules are in accordance with UNSW policy.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
**Pathways**

**Honours Programs**

**Bachelor of Economics (Honours) - BEc (Hons)**

*4502 Economics (Honours)*

Faculty: UNSW Business School  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 48  
Typical Duration: 1 Years

**Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Honours) - BASS (Hons)**

*4504 Arts & Social Sciences (Hons)*

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 48  
Typical Duration: 1 Years

**Post Graduate**

**Master of International Relations - MIR**

*8233 International Relations*

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 96  
Typical Duration: 2 Years

**Master of International Business - MIB**

*8371 International Business*

Faculty: UNSW Business School  
Campus: Kensington  
Units of Credit: 96  
Typical Duration: 2 Years
Master of Development Studies - MDS
8942 Development Studies

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Professional Outcomes

Career Opportunities

Economist, Business Administration Managers, Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Manager, Journalists and Other Writers
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Award of Pass with Distinction

The Award of Pass with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Pass With Distinction
Additional Information

Further Information

Contact the UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Student Services for advice.
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students
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