**Is PPE the right course for me?**

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**Flexibility**

This tripartite degree programme is a three year degree which provides you with the opportunity to develop detailed knowledge and understanding of the analytically distinct but interrelated disciplines of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. Within the University of Hull's modular framework, the PPE degree programme allows for maximum flexibility and choice while still providing a focussed education. In the first year PPE students divide their studies evenly between the three constitutive subjects. In the second and third years, however, they can choose to structure their studies to suit their own interests and strengths, dividing their time between the three subjects accordingly.

**Interdisciplinary**

The PPE degree programme offers a uniquely interdisciplinary approach to understanding the human world. You study three core academic disciplines that are crucial for thinking about public life; exploring their common roots and their points of intersection. For example, a complete understanding of economics requires an awareness of its political context, and a complete understanding of politics requires an awareness of its economic context, so that the study of one invariably leads to the study of the other. Both of these disciplines are underpinned by philosophy, which critically explores, among other things, the conceptions of human nature and society assumed in other enquiries. Thus, the PPE degree programme enables you to study each of these disciplines in an integrated way, enriching your understanding of each.

**Breadth**

The curriculum of the PPE programme is broader in its range of modules than that offered by the single or joint honours programmes. It offers a varied and wide-ranging programme of study, allowing you to gain an understanding of the core principles and methods of each of its three disciplines, without narrowing your intellectual horizons. If you are interested in maintaining a broader perspective by studying a number of subjects to degree level, without unduly compromising your depth of knowledge or understanding in any of them, then the structure of the PPE degree is ideally suited to your interests.

**Excellence**

At Hull PPE is taught by three departments with international reputations in their fields. It is taught by enthusiastic staff who are actively engaged in research in their respective subjects and whose teaching has been deemed ‘excellent' in recent relevant teaching quality audits.

**Transferable Skills**

The study of many university degree programmes confers marketable skills such as independent learning, time-management, critical thinking and problem solving skills, and the analysis, evaluation, and production of argument. While the PPE degree is no different in this respect (in fact, it is an especially good way to develop these particular skills), it also requires you to be flexible; learning to think your way through a wide range of different issues, using different methods of analysis and argumentation, writing in different styles, and meeting challenges of a varied nature.

**Fulfilling Careers**

Because of the wide range of knowledge and skills its study engenders (flexibility not the least), the PPE programme is a popular choice of degree among both students and graduate employers alike. It has been the traditional route into public service careers, such as the various branches of the Civil Service, but now is increasingly favoured by employers in diverse sectors. Our recent graduates have gone on to have successful careers in business, print and broadcast journalism, law, politics, non-governmental organisations and charities, finance, public relations, and education, as well as the Civil Service.

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