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# BA PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS (LV25)

# BA PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS (with Year Abroad) (L2V5)

# BA PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS (with Placement Year) (L2V6)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study. The lead department is Philosophy.

**Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 40 credits:

| | | Credit value |
|---|---|---|
| The Philosophical Traditions | PHIL1091 | 20 |
| Political Theory | SGIA1231 | 20 |

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

| **List A:** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Researching Politics and International Relations | SGIA1201 | 20 |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics | SGIA1211 | 20 |
| Introduction to International Relations | SGIA1221 | 20 |
| Perspectives on Political Economy | SGIA1241 | 20 |

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List B:

| **List B:** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Ethics and Values | PHIL1011 | 20 |
| Knowledge, Minds and Reality | PHIL1021 | 20 |
| Reading Philosophy | PHIL1041 | 20 |
| Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy | PHIL1101 | 20 |
| Science, Medicine and Society | PHIL1111 | 20 |

5. In place of any one module from List A or List B, candidates may instead choose to study an appropriate credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre.

**Level 2 (Diploma)**

6. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module:

| | | Credit value |
|---|---|---|
| Political Philosophy (Michaelmas Term) | PHIL2081 | 20 |

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in **three** modules in List C below to the value of 60 credits. Candidates who intend to study SGIA 3142 Dissertation in Politics at Level 3 in their final year must take and pass SGIA 2341 Research Project:

| **List C:** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| International Theory | SGIA2131 | 20 |
| Foundations of Western Political Thought | SGIA2171 | 20 |
| International Organisations | SGIA2261 | 20 |
| Sovereignty, State and Empire | SGIA2281 | 20 |
| Debates in Political Theory | SGIA2321 | 20 |

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| Class, Nation and Party in British Politics | SGIA2351 | 20 |
| Analytical Politics | SGIA2361 | 20 |
| Democracy, Conflict and American Politics | SGIA2381 | 20 |
| Research Project | SGIA2341 | 20 |
| Capitalism: History and Theory | SGIA2401 | 20 |
| Middle East and the International System (Epiphany Term) | SGIA2391 | 20 |
| Gender and Politics | SGIA2411 | 20 |
| an appropriate language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre (if not selected from List D) | | 20 |

8. Candidates must study and be assessed in **two** modules from Lists D, E and F, to the value of 40 credits, with no more than **one** module being taken from List E (Michaelmas Term).

9. Candidates who have selected the Epiphany term module SGIA 2391 are not permitted to select a module from List F (see para 18 below).

| **List D*: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (two-term)*** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Philosophy of Mind | PHIL2011 | 20 |
| Philosophy of Religion | PHIL2091 | 20 |
| Philosophy of Science | PHIL2151 | 20 |
| History, Science and Medicine | PHIL2191 | 20 |
| An appropriate language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling compatibility and to approval by the Centre (if not selected from list C) | | 20 |

| **List E*: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Michaelmas Term Only)*** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Early Modern Mavericks | PHIL2031 | 20 |
| The Philosophy of Economics and Politics | PHIL2171 | 20 |
| Feminist Philosophy | PHIL2201 | 20 |
| Epistemology | PHIL2211 | 20 |

| **List F*: L2 Philosophy Optional Modules (Epiphany Term Only)*** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Language, Logic and Reality | PHIL2021 | 20 |
| Moral Theory | PHIL2041 | 20 |
| Fundamentals of Logics | PHIL2181 | 20 |
| World Philosophies | PHIL2221 | 20 |

**Level 3 (Degree)**

10. Candidates must study and be assessed in **one** of the following modules to the value of 40 credits:

| | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Philosophy Long Dissertation ~ | PHIL3112 | 40 |
| Dissertation in Politics ~ | SGIA3142 | 40 |

11. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List G:

| **List G** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions | PHIL3011 | 20 |
| Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science | PHIL3021 | 20 |
| Aesthetics | PHIL3031 | 20 |
| Twentieth-Century European Philosophy | PHIL3051 | 20 |
| Issues in Contemporary Ethics | PHIL3131 | 20 |
| Metaphysics | PHIL3171 | 20 |
| History and Philosophy of Psychiatry | PHIL3181 | 20 |
| Ethics in Business Practice | PHIL3191 | 20 |

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|---|---|---|
| Formal and Philosophical Logic | PHIL3201 | 20 |
| Biomedical Ethics, Past and Present | PHIL3211 | 20 |
| Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (Michaelmas Term) (single-term module) | PHIL3221 | 20 |
| Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (Epiphany Term) (single-term module) | PHIL3241 | 20 |

12. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List H:

| **List H** | | **Credit value** |
|---|---|---|
| Theories of Liberty | SGIA3291 | 20 |
| Elections and British Politics | SGIA3441 | 20 |
| Democratic Practise in the US: Campaigns, Elections and Voter Behaviour | SGIA3531 | 20 |
| Democracy and Discontent in the European Union | SGIA3571 | 20 |
| Social Justice and Marginalised Groups | SGIA3631 | 20 |
| The Politics of Inequality | SGIA3671 | 20 |
| Poverty or Prosperity? The Political Economy of Development | SGIA3681 | 20 |
| Decolonising International Society | SGIA3741 | 20 |
| Climate, Nature and the Global Economy | SGIA3711 | 20 |
| Crises, Governance and Struggle: Finance and the World Economy | SGIA3751 | 20 |
| Environmental Politics | SGIA3851 | 20 |
| Intelligence, The State and International Security | SGIA3771 | 20 |
| Advanced Topics in International Political Theory: The International Politics of the Everyday | SGIA3801 | 20 |
| Advanced Readings in Political Economy | SGIA3821 | 20 |
| The Dark Side of the Liberal International Order | SGIA3881 | 20 |
| Democracy and its Critics | SGIA3891 | 20 |

13. In place of any one module from List G or List H, candidates may undertake an appropriate credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre.

**Assessment, progression and award**

14. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

15. Modules marked # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

16. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13 "*Where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term*."

17. Candidates must select at least 80 credits, but no more than 140 credits, from modules offered by each Board of Studies over Level 2 and Level 3. This must include at least 40 credits from each Board of Studies in each Level, and at least 100 credits from both Boards of Studies in each level.

**Year 3 (Year Abroad)**

18. Candidates wishing to transfer to BA Philosophy and Politics (with Year Abroad) (L2V5) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) and progressed to Level 2 of the honours programme;

    b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Year Abroad) (L2V5) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Philosophy;

    c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) Honours programme.

19. Students will undertake an approved placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. Courses relating to Philosophy and Politics should normally comprise a minimum of 50% of those taken.

20. Students whom the Philosophy Board of Examiners deems to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad, judged by reference to each student's learning agreement, will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Year Abroad) (L2V5). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Year Abroad) (L2V5) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy and Politics programme (LV25).

**Year 3 (Placement)**

21. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) programme (L2V6). Students taking the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) (L2V6) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

    Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) (L2V6). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) programme.

22. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) (L2V6) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and

    b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement) (L2V6) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

    c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (LV25).

23. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Philosophy deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) (L2V6). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Politics (with Placement Year) (L2V6) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy and Politics programme (LV25).