

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52)

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Placement Year (VLL6)

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Study Abroad (VLLA)

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

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Principles of Economics #	ECON1011	20
Economic Methods #	ECON1021	20
Ethics and Values	PHIL1011	20
Knowledge, Minds and Reality	PHIL1021	20

3. Candidates shall 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
Introduction to Political Theory	SGIA1231	20
Perspectives of Political Economy	SGIA1241	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B, noting the restriction on single-term modules in point 14 below:

List B:		Credit value
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods and Values <	PHIL2171	20
Political Philosophy <	PHIL2081	20

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-40 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
EITHER BOTH		
Macroeconomics #	ECON2011	20
AND Microeconomics #	ECON2021	20
OR ONLY		
Economic Theory #	ECON2291	20

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List D (Dissertation Prerequisites), noting the restriction on single-term modules in point 14 below:

List D (Dissertation Prerequisites):		Credit value
Research Project ^	SGIA2341	20
Econometrics ^	ECON2061	20
One 20-credit module chosen from List F (Philosophy), below ^		20

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20-40 credits from List E (Politics), noting the restriction on single-term modules in point 14 below:

List E (Politics):		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
Class and Nation in British Politics	SGIA2351	20
Analytical Politics	SGIA2361	20
Democracy, Conflict and American Society	SGIA2381	20
Middle East and the International System >	SGIA2391	20
Capitalism: History and Theory	SGIA2401	20
Gender and Politics	SGIA2411	20

8. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 0 - 20 credits from Lists F (Philosophy), and G (Economics) below, so that they study a total of 120 credits across Lists B, C, D, E, F and G, noting the restriction on single-term modules in point 14 below.

List F (Philosophy):		Credit value
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
Language, Logic and Reality >	PHIL2021	20
Early Modern Mavericks <	PHIL2031	20
Moral Theory >	PHIL2041	20
Political Philosophy <	PHIL2081	20
Philosophy of Religion	PHIL2091	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods and Values <	PHIL2171	20
Fundamentals of Logics >	PHIL2181	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20
Feminist Philosophy <	PHIL2201	20
Epistemology <	PHIL2211	20
World Philosophies >	PHIL2221	20

List G (Economics):		Credit value
Intermediate Economic Methods	ECON2121	20
Behavioural and Experimental Economics	ECON2141	20
Microeconomic Applications and Policy	ECON2261	20
Macroeconomic Applications and Policy	ECON2271	20
Political Economy	ECON2301	20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

List H:		Credit value
Dissertation in Philosophy ~	PHIL3112	40
Dissertation in Politics ~	SGIA3142	40
Dissertation in Economics ~	ECON3012	40

10. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from Lists I (Philosophy), J (Politics) and K (Economics) below, noting that **at least 20 credits must be chosen from each of the three lists.**

List I (Philosophy):		Credit value
Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions	PHIL3011	20
Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
Aesthetics	PHIL3031	20
20 th Century European Philosophy	PHIL3051	20
Issues in Contemporary Ethics	PHIL3131	20
Biomedical Ethics: Past and Present	PHIL3211	20
Metaphysics	PHIL3171	20
History and Philosophy of Psychiatry	PHIL3181	20
Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20

Ethics in Business Practice	PHIL3191	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and The Environment (Michaelmas Term) <	PHIL3221	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and The Environment (Epiphany Term) >	PHIL3241	20

List J (Politics):

		Credit Value
Theories of Liberty	SGIA3291	20
Elections and British Politics	SGIA3441	20
Democratic Practice in US Campaigns	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
Climate, Nature and the Global Economy	SGIA3711	20
Decolonising International Society	SGIA3741	20
Crises, Governance, and Struggle: Finance and the World Economy	SGIA3751	20
Intelligence, The State and International Security	SGIA3771	
Advanced Topic in International Political Theory: The-International Politics of the Everyday	SGIA3801	20
Advanced Readings in Political Economy	SGIA3821	20
Environmental Politics	SGIA3851	20
The Dark Side of the Liberal International Order	SGIA3881	20
Democracy and its Critics	SGIA3891	20

List K (Economics):

		Credit value
Applied Econometrics	ECON3011	20
History of Economic Thought	ECON3051	20
International Economics *	ECON3071	20
Labour Economics	ECON3081	20
Monetary Economics	ECON3111	20
Environmental Economics and Policy	ECON3161	20
Development Economics	ECON3171	20
Advanced Microeconomic Theory	ECON3201	20
Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	ECON3211	20
Game Theory and Applications	ECON3301	20

Assessment, progression and award

11. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
12. At least 20 credits of modules marked with a ^ must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
13. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30 – 39% cannot be compensated.
14. Modules marked with a < will be delivered in Term 1, while modules marked with a > will be delivered in Term 2. To comply with the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes, candidates may take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term. Whole year modules are attributed 10 credits in each term.
15. Modules marked with a * are not available in 2026/27.

Professional accreditation

16. Durham University Business School is accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) for a period of five years from 2022 and by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for a period of five years from 2024.

Year 3 (Placement Year / Study Abroad)

17. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Placement Year) programme (VLL6) or the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Study Abroad) programme (VLLA).
18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Placement Year) (VLL6) or the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Study Abroad) (VLLA) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the PPE Programme Director to be admitted to the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Placement Year) (VLL6) or the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Study Abroad) (VLLA) and have their application approved by the PPE Programme Director; and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) Honours programme.

Placement Year

19. Students will undertake an approved work placement or work placements of not less than 40 weeks in total. They must have successfully completed 240 credits at Levels 1 and 2 to progress to the placement. Student progress will be assessed at threshold level by continuous assessments of the student's performance during the placement and a final report. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Placement Year.
20. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Business School deem to have made satisfactory progress on the Placement Year will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Placement Year) (VLL6). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the Placement Year will not be permitted to continue on BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Placement Year) (VLL6), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) programme.

Study Abroad

21. Students will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university. Student progress will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Study Abroad. Students should pass a minimum of 40 ECTS credits, or equivalent, to successfully complete the year, as set out in their Learning Agreement.
22. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Business School deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Study Abroad) (VLLA). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Study Abroad) (VLLA), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (VL52) programme.