

BA (HONS) POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIETY

UCAS: VL52 (BA) / P357 (FE)

IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY 2016, OUR PHILOSOPHY COURSES RANKED TOP IN THE UK WITH 100% SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING, STUDENT SUPPORT AND ALSO OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION.

This varied course offers module choices in the areas of philosophy, politics, sociology, social policy and economics. Students have the opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of key ideas and concepts in all these subjects, and to trace the many significant connections between them. Discussion and debate is a distinctive feature of teaching and learning in the disciplines that make up the course, and students will be encouraged and supported to discuss and develop their own ideas both inside and outside formal teaching sessions.

Studying philosophy introduces students to key arguments and debates in the fields of metaphysics, moral theory, applied ethics, theory of knowledge and more. It also delivers highly marketable, highly transferable skills. Alongside this students have the opportunity to further their own understanding of politics through the critical evaluation of political ideas, institutions and policy and decision making processes in a national and international context. The course will equip students to understand the nature and extent of political theory, history of political thought, and political philosophy, to develop their own perspective and become more aware of traditional and current debates that concern political scientists.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Power, Politics and the State
Global Politics
British Politics
International Security and Economics
Communities, Cultures and Identities
Reason and Argument
The Value of Knowledge: What is Education For?
Knowledge and Freedom
Problems in Contemporary Applied Ethics
Sociological Ways of Thinking
Youth, Identity and Difference
Media and Culture
Doing Social Research
Introduction to Economics
Contextualising Welfare 1:
The Development of UK Social Policy
Society in Focus:
A Sociological Understanding
Contextualising Welfare 2: Theories, Concepts and Issues

Year 2

Globalisation: History, Theory and Approaches
History of Political Ideas
Research Methods in International Relations and Politics
Radical Political Ideas in Modern Britain
Metaphysics and Epistemology
Philosophy of Religion
Foundations of Ethics
Phenomenology and Existentialism
Contemporary Thinkers
Sociology of Religion
Innovative Research
Sociology of Social Movements
Methodology and Diversity in Economics
Social Economics
European Economic Development
Power, Oppression and Society
Race, Racism and Ethnicity
Comparative Social Welfare

Year 3

Ethics, War and Society
Continuity and Change in British Politics
Political Islam and Islamic Movements
Contemporary Anglo-American Political Philosophy
Terrorism and Security
Contemporary Ethical Theory
Philosophy and Popular Culture Modern European Thought
Philosophy of Language
Humanity, Values and the Environment
Global Social Divisions
Sex, Violence and Strategies
Sexy Bodies: Gender, Sexuality and the Body
Sociology of Disability
Philosophical Themes in Economics
Economics of the Public Sector
Economics of Trade, Aid and Development
Economic Policy
Critical Social Policy
Racism and Social Welfare
Social Theory and Contextual Analysis
Disability Studies

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Daniel Burnside – Philosophy Graduate

“It has been the greatest experience of my life so far. I have the greatest respect for the lecturers who inspired me to be the best I could be. I know I cannot reach their levels of expertise, but I feel compelled to do my best based on the standard they set.”

EMPLOYABILITY

Previous graduates of similar courses have gone on to careers in teaching and research, journalism, public relations, central and local government, the European Union, charities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). Recent students work in public and private sector organisations, both nationally and internationally.

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