

## **T Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics (PPE) Programme**

The PPE programme, jointly established by the Departments of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics in 2018, focuses on the multidimensional study of social and political phenomena, using the intellectual tools from three long-established disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The goal is to train a generation of strategy analysts and policy formulators with the capability to approach social and political issues from multiple disciplinary angles, and thereby add value to their organisations and society at large.

PPE students will:

- Acquire foundational disciplinary knowledge and skills from the three disciplines of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics as they relate to the study of social and political phenomena;
- Achieve a degree of depth in one of the constituting disciplines; and
- Be introduced to multidisciplinary integration between the three disciplines.

These learning outcomes are achieved through different aspects of the programme structure:

- **Foundational disciplinary knowledge** (common to all PPE students): Through a curated suite of intellectual tools taught through selected modules from the three disciplines.
- **Depth** (in one discipline): Through wider and deeper exposure in one of the three disciplines both at the pre-honors and honors levels.
- **Integration:** Through a “gateway” module introducing PPE at the 2000 level, a module at the 3000 level on PPE methodology, and two capstone seminars at the 4000 level where students work on topics utilizing what they have learned from the three disciplines in the foundation. Students who choose to read the Honours Thesis module are also expected to work on topics that bring together methods or insights from more than one discipline.

### **Entry Requirements**

#### **Apply to enter at the point of admission**

Students may indicate their desire to enter the program when applying to NUS FASS (applicable for Cohort 2019 onwards) on the NUS Admissions Portal. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their entry score, essay, and interview.

#### **Apply to enter from the end of your second semester onwards—**

Students may indicate their desire to enter the programme after their first year of study in NUS FASS (applicable for Cohort 2018 onwards), using the Application Portal (under construction). They will need

to attain a **CAP of at least 4.0** with at least **40MCs** graded modules ('S' modules may be included), and score at least an **average of A-** (with no grade lower than a B+) for the exposure modules of Philosophy (GET1029), Political Science (PS1101E), and Economics (EC1101E). A personal statement or interview may be required..

Applicants must indicate their intended Specialization discipline (Philosophy, Political Science, or Economics); they may apply for a change of Specialization at a later point in time.

## **Subject Requirements**

### **Single Major [BA (Hons)]**

For the BA (Hons) degree, PPE students will read at least 160MCs over four years:

1. 20MCs for University Level Requirements (General Education).
  
1. 4MCs for Faculty Core Requirement FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication.\*
2. 16MCs for exposure modules in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics, and Asian Studies
3. 32MCs for Unrestricted Electives.#
4. 88MCs for the PPE major, consisting of:
  1. Specialisation: 24MCs, with at least 12MCs at the 3000 level (6 modules).
  2. 2 x Non-Specialisations: Each 12MCs, with at least 4MCs at the 3000 level (3 modules in each discipline).
  3. PPE Capstone Seminars: 10MCs at the 4000 level (2 modules).
  4. Specialisation (Hons): 15-30MCs at the 4000 level (6 modules; 3 modules if writing Honours Thesis).
  5. Multidisciplinary Honours Thesis: 15MCs at the 4000 level (optional).

\*Students who have gained entrance to PPE at the point of admission to NUS FASS with a submitted essay will not need to read FAS1101 Writing Academically. Students who have read and passed FAS1101 (and are thus exempted from taking the writing test) at point of entrance to PPE will count that module towards Unrestricted Electives.

#Of the 32MCs in the PPE students' Unrestricted Elective Space, 4MCs may be used for the their PPE specialisation. (The rest should come from outside the PPE specialisation.)

### **Single Major (BA)**

For the BA degree, PPE students will read at least 120MCs over three years:

1. 20MCs for University Level Requirements (General Education).

1. 4MCs for Faculty Core Requirement FAS1102 Public Writing and Communication.\*
2. 16MCs for exposure modules in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics, and Asian Studies
3. 32MCs for Unrestricted Electives.#
4. 48MCs for the PPE major, consisting of:
  1. Specialisation: 24MCs, with at least 12MCs at the 3000 level (6 modules).
  2. 2 x Non-Specialisations: Each 12MCs, with at least 4MCs at the 3000 level (3 modules in each discipline).

\*Students who have gained entrance to PPE at the point of admission to NUS FASS with a submitted essay will not need to read FAS1101 Writing Academically. Students who have read and passed FAS1101 (and are thus exempted from taking the writing test) at point of entrance to PPE will count that module towards Unrestricted Electives.

#Of the 32MCs in the PPE students' Unrestricted Elective Space, 4MCs may be used for their PPE specialisation. (The rest should come from outside the PPE specialisation.)

### **Note on Second Major pairings**

Students are not allowed to pair PPE with their PPE specialisation field as a second major. They may, however, pair PPE with either of their non-specialisation fields to form a double major. The three modules taken under the relevant PPE non-specialisation will be double-counted towards both majors. Students desiring to pair PPE with any other majors will need to seek approval for their study plan by writing to the admin of the specialisation department.

For the latest updates, please visit the Department website at: <https://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ppe.html>