Politics and Economics
BA Honours

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This flexible degree is delivered jointly by Politics and Newcastle University Business School.

Our Politics and Economics degree offers the exciting intellectual challenge of exploring two contrasting disciplines of central importance to the contemporary world.

In politics you study:
- international politics
- political thought
- political systems from around the world

In economics you study mathematically focused modules in topics such as:
- economic analysis
- political economy
- analysing economic data

The skills and knowledge you develop will equip you for a range of careers, and you will have the opportunity to specialise further in both disciplines as the degree progresses.

The option to spend a semester studying abroad at Stage 3 adds an international dimension to your degree.

Highlights of this degree

Quality and ranking

Politics:
- top 20 in the UK - the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019
- 90% overall satisfaction score – National Student Survey 2019
- top 200 – Social Sciences category – Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2018

Economics:
- top 200 – Business and Economics category – Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2018

Boost your employability with a work placement

Apply to spend 9 to 12 months on an optional work placement between Stages 2 and 3. You can apply to spend your placement year with any organisation and will receive University support to do so.

You’ll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

It will extend your degree by a year and is subject to availability, however it isn’t available if you’re spending a year studying abroad.

Find out more about Work Placements.

Study abroad

You have the chance to broaden your academic experience by taking part in an Erasmus exchange during Stage 3.

This gives you the chance to spend a semester studying abroad at one of our partner universities.

Students from the School have recently studied in:
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Holland
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- Canada
- Hong Kong
- Singapore
- the USA
- Australia

Alternatively, you may work abroad in an approved organisation.

Facilities and support

As a Joint Honours student at Newcastle, you will divide your time between politics and economics.

Politics

Politics is delivered by the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, located in the dedicated Politics Building next door to the University’s main library building.

You will join a diverse and friendly community of students and academics.

Economics

Economics is delivered by Newcastle University Business School, a global community with staff and students representing 69 different countries.

You will have access to teaching, learning and computing facilities in our state-of-the-art building, on the Science Central area of campus, within Newcastle’s emerging business district. Take a virtual tour of our new Business School building.

Support

You will have an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree. They can help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have.
Social activities
You will have opportunities to take part in activities organised by the Politics Society and Economics Society.

There are over 1,400 networked computers on campus.

Course Details

Stage 1

Compulsory modules
ECO1002 Economic Analysis
ECO1003 Topics in Applied Economics
ECO1009 Analysing Economic Data
ECO1010 Mathematics for Economics
POL1131 Studying Political Economy: Ideas, Theories and Skills

Optional modules
You choose two modules from the list below:
POL1017 Governing Under Pressure: The Politics of the UK and EU
POL1032 Introduction to International Politics
POL1046 Order and Disorder: The Shaping of the 21st Century
POL1047 Power, Participation and Democracy: Comparative Perspectives
POL1048 Foundations of Modern Political Thought

Stage 2

Compulsory modules
ECO2003 Economic Modelling
ECO2004 Microeconomic Analysis
ECO2005 Macroeconomic Analysis

Optional modules
You choose three modules from the following list:
POL2012 Politics of the Middle East
POL2022 Government and Politics of the USA
POL2034 The Politics and Policy of the European Union
POL2045 British Politics: State and Society
POL2078 Critical International Politics
POL2082 Political Violence and the Modern State
POL2086 Current Issues in Politics and International Relations
POL2087 Contemporary Russian Politics
POL2088 The Politics of Africa: Africa’s Place in Global Politics
POL2090 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Social Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy
POL2096 Politics Work Placement*
POL2110 Security Studies
POL2113 Sex, Gender and Power

*Permission to take this module is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

You may take a maximum of 20 credits from elsewhere in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology or outside the School, subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.
### Stage 2

**Work Placement (optional)**
You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months on an optional work placement between Stages 2 and 3. You can apply to spend your placement year with any organisation and will receive University support to do so. It will extend your degree by a year and is subject to availability. It isn’t available if you’re spending a year studying abroad. Find out more about Work Placements.

**Year 3 (Placement Year)**
On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, you may as part of your studies for the degree spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation. If you are required to re-sit your Stage 2 assessment, you must delay the start of your placement until you have done so. If you fail Stage 2, you may not complete a placement year.

NCL3000 Careers Service Placement Year Module

### Stage 3

**Optional modules**
You choose 60 credits of optional Economics modules from the list below:
- ECO3001 Advanced Microeconomics
- ECO3002 Advanced Macroeconomics
- ECO3004 Labour Economics
- ECO3005 Behavioural Economics and Experimental Methods
- ECO3006 Economics of Banking
- ECO3010 Monetary Economics
- ECO3014 Public Economics
- ECO3018 Financial Economics
- ECO3021 Economics of Risk and Uncertainty
- ECO3022 Health Economics
- ECO3026 Industrial Economics and Policy
- ECO3032 Game Theory*
- ECO3033 Development Economics
*Candidates taking ECO3032 MUST also take ECO3001.

You choose 60 credits of optional modules from the following list, to bring your total up to 120 credits:
- POL3046 Dissertation in Politics*
- POL3047 Project in Politics: Semester 1*
- POL3048 Project in Politics: Semester 2*
- POL3059 Democracy and the Constitution
- POL3071 Student Exchange: Semester 1
- POL3076 Student Exchange (Dissertation Students)
- POL3079 The Government and Politics of Italy
- POL3092 Political Parties and Elections in the UK
- POL3103 Community Based Research in Politics
- POL3104 The Fall and Rise of China
- POL3106 Democracy in Deeply Divided Societies
- POL3108 The Politics of the Far Right in Europe
- POL3109 Gender, Campaigns and Media
- POL3110 International Organisation and Diplomacy
- POL3111 UK Parliamentary Studies

*If you take POL3046 you may not take either POL3047 or POL3048.

You may take one POL 20 credit module from Stage 2 in place of a 20 credit module from above, if not already taken and the total number of level 5 credits studied at Stage 3 do not exceed 30. With the approval of the Degree Programme Director, other optional modules may also be available from other subject areas offered by the University.

**Teaching and assessment**
Politics at Newcastle has an international reputation for research which feeds directly into our teaching.

The research expertise of Newcastle University Business School is also reflected in your choice of modules, particularly in the later Stages of your degree.

**Teaching methods**
We use a variety of teaching methods, including:
- lectures
- seminars
- teamwork exercises
- research projects
- simulations

**Assessment methods**
You complete the equivalent of at least three presentations, three essays and three examinations in each semester.

In Stage 3 you will complete a dissertation, project or community-based research module. This provides an excellent opportunity for you to conduct your own research into an area of politics that interests you.

**Find out more**
Visit our Teaching and Learning pages to read about the outstanding learning experience available to all students at Newcastle University.
Careers

Politics and Economics careers

Studying politics encourages the development of both specific and transferable skills. You will not only learn how to demonstrate your knowledge of different political systems and how to interpret political issues and events, but critically you will also develop the ability to examine issues from a range of viewpoints, construct well-researched arguments and present information in a balanced and unbiased manner.

Our courses will enable you to acquire the essential skills of research, teamwork, and communication.

Voluntary and work experience can provide you with further opportunities to develop valuable skills to prepare you for employment. Whether related to a career in politics or more general, this experience shows that you have an interest in the community and can use your time effectively, make valuable contacts and use your initiative.

Many of our politics graduates have entered positions such as financial analysts, stock market account executives and management consultants. As well as some of our graduates entering careers in politics, other career areas have included HR, education, sales and marketing.

Some politics graduates go on to study vocational courses for example in law, marketing or teaching or continue with postgraduate work in subjects such as politics, business and finance.

Find out more about the career options for Politics and Economics from Prospects: The UK’s Official Careers Website.

What our graduates go on to do: employment and further study choices

See what our recent graduates went on to do and view graduate destinations statistics. These statistics are based on what graduates were doing on a specific date, approximately six months after graduation. Take a look at the most recent data available for our graduates.

The destination data is available in varying levels, beginning with the University and moving through Faculty and School down to individual course reports. This final level may give you some useful ideas about possible options after your course or a course you are considering.

Careers and employability at Newcastle

Newcastle University consistently has one of the best records for graduate employment in the UK.

96% of our 2017 UK-domiciled UG/PG graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating.

85.5% of our graduates are in graduate level employment or further study within six months of graduating.

We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through an initiative called ncl+. This enables you to develop personal, employability and enterprise skills and to give you the edge in the employment market after you graduate.

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers.

Fees & Funding

Tuition Fees (UK students)

2019 and 2020 entry:
£9,250
For programmes where you can spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad, you will receive a significant fee reduction for that year.
Some of our degrees involve additional costs which are not covered by your tuition fees.

Please note:
The maximum fee that we are permitted to charge for UK students is set by the UK government.
As a general principle, you should expect the tuition fee to increase in each subsequent academic year of your course, subject to government regulations on fee increases and in line with inflation.
See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Fees & Funding

Tuition Fees (EU students)

2019 and 2020 entry:
£9,250 You will pay the same tuition fees as UK students for the duration of your course.
For programmes where you can spend a year on a work placement or studying abroad, you will receive a significant fee reduction for that year.
Some of our degrees involve additional costs which are not covered by your tuition fees.

Please note:
As a general principle, you should expect the tuition fee to increase in each subsequent academic year of your course, subject to government regulations on fee increases and in line with inflation.
See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.
Tuition Fees (International students)

2020 entry*: £18,000
2019 entry*: £17,175

*Please note:
You will be charged tuition fees for each year of your degree programme (unless you are on a shorter exchange programme).
The tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year as a result of inflation.
If you spend a year on placement or studying abroad as part of your degree you may pay a reduced fee for that year.
See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Scholarships and Financial Support (UK students)

You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government financial support.

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Government financial support

Scholarships and Financial Support (EU students)

You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government financial support.

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Scholarships and Financial Support (International students)

We offer a range of scholarships to eligible international students:

Vice-Chancellor’s International Scholarships
Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarships
Vice-Chancellor’s Global Scholarships

We also offer International Family Discounts which are available for all international students with a close family member who has graduated from or is now studying at Newcastle University.

Some of our subject scholarships and sports scholarships are also available for international students.

Apply

Applying to Newcastle University through UCAS

To apply for undergraduate study at Newcastle you must use the online application system managed by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

UCAS codes for Newcastle University

- institution name - NEWC
- institution code - N21

UCAS buzzword

Ask your teacher or adviser from your school or college for the UCAS buzzword. You need the buzzword when you register on the Apply system. This makes it clear which school or college you are applying from.

All UK schools and colleges and a small number of EU and international establishments are registered with UCAS.

If you are applying independently, or are applying from a school or college which is not registered to manage applications, you will still use the Apply system. You will not need a buzzword.

Making your application

On the UCAS website you can also find out more about:

- application deadlines and other important dates
- offers and tracking your application

Application decisions and enquiries

Find out more about our admissions process and who to contact if you need help with your application.

The modern Devonshire Building.
Find out more...

Go online for information about our full range of degrees
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate

To watch videos about student life in Newcastle, visit
www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle

Visit www.ncl.ac.uk/tour to take virtual tours of the campus and the city

Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday

Contact us online at
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