



Philosophy, Politics & Economics BA (Hons)

**New College of
the Humanities**



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Welcome to the Philosophy, Politics & Economics BA (Hons) at NCH!

This degree introduction lays out what you will be studying for your degree, an introduction to the NCH Diploma, how you will be taught, and what qualifications you will receive when you graduate. You will also find your reading list, which has been designed by our faculty, allowing you to get into the mindset of a NCH student.

Each of our programmes of study is designed to give you academic rigour and fulfillment, and to challenge your thinking as you are introduced to new concepts and synergies.

If you have any questions about your programme, you can email your buddy, contact the admissions team, or chat to one of our student ambassadors on UniBuddy!

info@nchlondon.ac.uk

Your qualifications

The College is an established Higher Education Provider which is registered with the Office for Students. The College can sponsor international students via its Student Route visa licence.

New College of the Humanities' degrees have been designed and created by the College's professors and faculty. The courses reflect their areas of expertise and research interests, meaning they are strongly engaged with the material they will teach you, and there may be opportunities for students to participate in active research.

In addition to your degree, to reflect the greater richness of your studies and the additional core courses of the 'LAUNCH' professional development programme that you study at the College, you will be awarded the NCH Diploma. The Diploma sets you apart from other graduates by marking the greater breadth of your education at the College. The NCH Diploma is a non-credit bearing award.



How you will be taught

Teaching is delivered by experienced and enthusiastic academics through a mixture of tutorials, seminars and interactive lectures.

NCH class sizes allow everyone the chance to participate and thrive.

Your contact hours will include a mixture of teaching methods best suited to the subject matter and to achieve the learning outcomes for each individual course.

For more specific information on your teaching and courses, please check the NCH Academic Handbook: www.nchlondon.ac.uk/about-us/academic-handbook

On 24 February 2020, New College of the Humanities was granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP) by Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. This means that the College is now able to award its own degrees.



Your reading list

We encourage you to dip into some of the books below to obtain a sense of what is involved in the studies of PPE.

It is not compulsory to read all or any of the texts but we do believe you will find it easier to adjust to undergraduate study if you are familiar with some of the concepts covered in your degree.

At this stage, it is best to gain a general overview rather than attempt to acquire a detailed understanding of any specific topic. The following books will assist you to do so.

Philosophy

- Buxton, R, Whiting, L (eds.) (2020), *The Philosopher Queens*.
- Blackburn, S, (1999), *Think*.
- Dennett, D C, (2013), *Intuition Pumps and Other Tools for Thinking*.
- Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates*, ed. Tredennick (Penguin).
- Descartes, R, (1641), *Meditations on First Philosophy*, ed. J. Cottingham (Cambridge).
- Srinivasan, A, (2021), *The Right to Sex*.

Politics & International Relations

- Cahn, S, (2014), *Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Boix, C, Stokes, S, (2009), *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. OUP Oxford.
- Dryzek, J, Honig, B, Phillips, A, (2008), *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Either Mingst, K A, Snyder, J L, McKibben, H E, (2019), *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 7th edition (New York: Norton) or Baylis, J, Smith, S, Owens, R, *The Globalisation of World Politics*. 8th Edition (OUP, 2019) (textbook in use).

- Waltz, Kenneth (1959), *Man, the State, and War* New York: Columbia University Press.

Economics

- Frank, R (2008), *The Economic Naturalist: Why Economics Explains Almost Everything*, Virgin Books.
- Rosling, H et al. (2017) *Factfulness: Why Things Are Better Than You Think*, Sceptre.
- Ho, K Z (2009) *Liquidated: An Ethnography of Wall Street*, Duke University Press.
- Goodwin, M and D E Burr (2012) *Economix: How Our Economy Works (And Doesn't Work)*, Abrams ComicArts.
- Raworth, K (2018) *Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist*. Random House.
- Klein, N (2015) *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*. Penguin.
- Mazzucato, M (2018) *The Value of Everything: Making and Taking in the Global Economy*. Allen Lane.

Find the full version of your minor reading list on our website:
nchlondon.ac.uk/reading-list-ug

NCH Diploma Courses

The core courses – Applied Ethics, Critical Reasoning and Science Literacy – equip you with an intelligent understanding of the concepts, arguments and theories that underpin the study of the humanities, enabling you to approach your degree studies in a more rounded and enlightened way.



LAUNCH provides students with an understanding of the world of work, and helps students to develop the attitudes and behaviours that are required by employers. It is practical, and complements the College's academic curriculum.

LAUNCH is delivered by staff and visiting fellows who have been selected on the basis of their expertise and practical experience in their given field.

Workshops will cover the following topics:

- Writing and presenting
- Working in teams
- Personal branding
- Interview training
- Entrepreneurship
- Digital literacy
- Data management

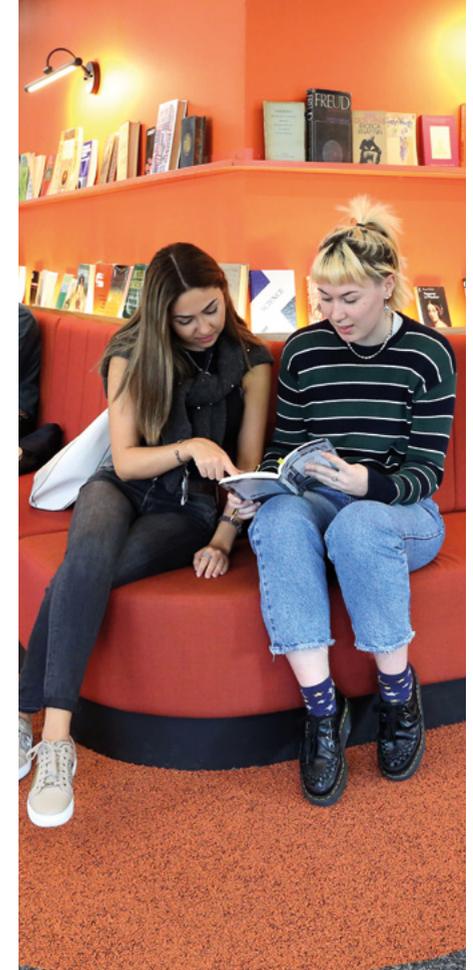
Recent graduate career progress

Following summer internships at **Eden McCallum** and **CIBC** during his undergraduate degree, Charlie landed a graduate role as an Investment Banking Analyst at **Deutsche Bank**, based in Paris. He has now returned to London and is currently an Investment Banking Associate at **Greenhill & Co.**

Sabrina took a summer internship at **Shillings** and landed a graduate Analyst role at **Accenture** and a place at **KCL** doing a Masters in Risk Analysis. She is now a Consultant at **BCS.**

Harry went into a role as an Assistant Economist at the **Committee on Climate Change.** He has since moved into a role as an Assistant Economist at the **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.**

Poppy went on to become an English Teacher at **Teach First.** She is now KS3 Coordinator of English for **Prendergast Ladywell School.**



“The buzzing atmosphere at NCH is unrivalled. The college has such a sense of excitement and brilliance about it that it is difficult to imagine being a student at a university where you are simply passing through instead of being part of the action. One of NCH's lesser mentioned attributes is the opportunities that are at the foundation of the amazing experience here.”

Charlie, Economics BSc with Philosophy & Politics

Where PPE at NCH can take you

NCH offers a unique and comprehensive career development pathway for PPE students, tailored to you in accordance with your specific professional aspirations.

Careers advisers at NCH will assist as you consider what you would like to do upon graduation. Through careers counselling combined with seminars, workshops, and guest speakers, they will guide and support you in choosing and preparing for your career, nurturing you through your applications for internships, graduate positions and postgraduate degrees.

Furthermore, NCH PPE graduates who wish to progress to postgraduate study can enjoy a generous alumni discount at NCH and Northeastern University in North America.

Careers coaching

Starting from your first term at the College, our careers advisers will work with you to identify your ambition, develop a personal narrative, and assist you in assembling the personal and professional experiences that will make you a compelling candidate.

In your second and third year, you can be assisted with applications, from the initial stages through to assessments and interviews.





Chat on UniBuddy

Chat to current students, including students who study PPE, to find out what NCH is really like!

Have questions about:

- Employability options
- Admissions
- Funding
- Wellbeing
- Accommodation

Contact your admissions contact or email us at: info@nchlondon.ac.uk

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This document is prepared ahead of the academic period to which it relates to provide potential students with an overview of the programmes for which they are applying. As a result, there may be infrequent occasions when the College is unable to offer individual courses, degree programmes, or services described herein. Furthermore, the College reserves the right to withdraw individual courses or degree programmes where there is an insufficient number of applications or confirmed students to make the course viable. On such occasions, students will be informed of changes within a reasonable timescale and another individual course or degree programme will be offered, which will have equal academic benefit to the course or degree programme originally described.

From time to time, individual faculty members may stop teaching at the College. In such instances, the College will undertake reasonable endeavours to ensure that students are taught by another academic with an appropriate level of qualification, research interests, and experience.

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