

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Part: FPE

Course structure: 8 compulsory papers.

For this Joint Schools course, papers are listed per course but combined into a single table.

Paper	Term	Faculty		College		Comments						
		Lectures	Classes	Tutorials	Classes							
Philosophy												
For the FPE, the Philosophy paper 'Introduction to Philosophy' covers logic, moral philosophy and general philosophy. Students are required to take all elements. College teaching for the Philosophy paper may consist of 8 tutorials and 4 classes, 6 tutorials and 6 classes, or a different configuration, as arranged by your tutor.												
Introduction to Logic	MT	8		12 sessions*		* College teaching for the Philosophy paper may consist of 8 tutorials and 4 classes, 6 tutorials and 6 classes, or a different configuration, as arranged by your tutor.						
	HT											
	TT											
Moral Philosophy: Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i>	MT	8				12 sessions*		Attendance at either series of lectures on Mill will suffice to prepare students for the Prelim/Mods, but attendance at both is encouraged.				
	HT											
	TT											
Moral Philosophy: Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i>	MT							12 sessions*		Attendance at either series of lectures on Mill will suffice to prepare students for the Prelim/Mods, but attendance at both is encouraged.		
	HT	8										
	TT											
General Philosophy (route A) ₂	MT	8								12 sessions*		Students need only attend one of the series on General Philosophy, but are strongly encouraged to attend both.
	HT											
	TT											
General Philosophy (route B) ₂	MT			12 sessions*								Students need only attend one of the series on General Philosophy, but are strongly encouraged to attend both.
	HT	8										
	TT											
Politics												
All three Politics papers listed below are compulsory for the FPE.												
Introduction to the Theory of Politics	MT	8				4						Colleges to arrange revision classes.
	HT	8										
	TT											
Introduction to the Practice of Politics	MT	16				7		Colleges to arrange revision classes.				
	HT	14										
	TT											
Political Analysis	MT							The political analysis component will consist of 8 lectures and 4 x 1-hour data labs. Optional drop-in sessions take place at the start of TT.				
	HT	8	4									
	TT											
Economics												
Both of the Economics papers listed below are compulsory for the FPE.												
Introduction to Microeconomics	MT	20		8		Introductory Microeconomics and mathematics (20 lectures): An additional course of 8 classes is provided for students who have not previously studied mathematics beyond GCSE level.						
	HT											
	TT											
Introduction to Macroeconomics	MT			6		Data labs are included here as they are a sub-part of the paper rather than a separate component of the course.						
	HT	18										
	TT											

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Part: FHS

Course structure: 8 papers; the combination of compulsory and optional papers depends on the pathway taken (Philosophy and Politics / Philosophy and Economics / Politics and Economics / PPE).

Only core/compulsory papers are listed in this part of the table; see below for optional papers.

Paper	Term	Faculty		College		Comments
		Lectures	Classes	Tutorials	Classes	
CORE PAPERS:						
In Philosophy, the core subjects are 103 and ONE OF 101, 102, 115 or 116. In Politics, the core subjects are any two of 201, 202, 203, 214, and 220; in Economics the core subjects are 300, 301 and 302.						
Philosophy						
103 Ethics: Normative Ethics	MT			8		
	HT	8				
	TT					
103 Ethics: Metaethics	MT					
	HT	8				
	TT					
103 Ethics: Applied Ethics	MT	8				
	HT					
	TT					
Plus ONE OF: 101, 102, 115 or 116						
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Descartes	MT	8		8		
	HT					
	TT					
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Spinoza	MT	4				
	HT					
	TT					
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Leibniz	MT					
	HT	8				
	TT					
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Hume	MT					
	HT	8				
	TT					
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Berkeley	MT	8				
	HT					
	TT					
101 Early Modern Philosophy: Locke	MT					
	HT	8				
	TT					
102 Knowledge and Reality: Metaphysics	MT			8		
	HT	8				
	TT					
102 Knowledge and Reality: Epistemology	MT	8				
	HT					
	TT					
115 Plato: <i>Republic</i>	MT	8		8		
	HT	8				
	TT					

The term cells are merged, indicating that tutorials for this paper may take place at any time during the FPE course.

Students must answer in the examination on at least one of Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz, and on at least one of Berkeley, Locke and Hume. Tutorials will cover two or more authors, and students should attend lectures according to those they are covering.

The six elements of this single paper are listed separately to aid student comprehension of the term in which lectures for each part are given.

116 Aristotle: <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	MT	8		8	Adds details regarding purpose and target student group for specific teaching sessions.
	HT	8			
	TT				
Politics: TWO OF					
201 Comparative Government	MT	8		6	6 tutorials, which can take place in any term. * 2 2-hour revision classes are held for 3rd year students in Hilary term.
	HT	8	2*		
	TT				
202 British Politics and Government since 1900	MT	8		8	8 tutorials, which can take place in any term. Colleges to arrange revision classes.
	HT	8			
	TT				
203 Theory of Politics (also Philosophy option 114)	MT	8		8	8 tutorials, which can take place in any term. Colleges to arrange revision classes.
	HT	8			
	TT				
214 International Relations	MT	8		7	7 tutorials, which can take place in any term.
	HT	8			
	TT				
220 Political Sociology	MT	8		7	7 tutorials, which can take place in any term.
	HT	8			
	TT				
Q-Step 2nd-Year component.	MT	1	7		Any student taking at least ONE of papers 201, 214 and 220 should attend one QS2 lecture in MT of 2nd year, plus a series of 7 1-hour Q-Step labs.
	HT				
	TT				
Economics					
300 Quantitative Economics	MT			6	6 Quantitative Economics Tutorials (arranged by college tutors). NB: teaching given in 2nd year.
	HT				
	TT	23			
301 Macroeconomics	MT			7	7 Macroeconomics Tutorials (arranged by college tutors). NB: teaching given in 2nd year.
	HT	21			
	TT				
302 Microeconomics	MT	20		8	8 Microeconomics Tutorials (arranged by college tutors). NB: teaching given in 2nd year.
	HT				
	TT				
(302: Maths and Probability lectures)	MT	4			
	HT				
	TT				

PPE has an especially large range of FHS optional papers, but since the teaching patterns are broadly similar within schools, summarising in narrative format rather than listing in tabular format indicates approximate teaching patterns without listing every option.

Recommended patterns of teaching: optional papers

Philosophy optional papers

- Philosophy options papers are normally taught through a course of **8-16 lectures** (provided by the faculty) and **8 tutorials** (provided by colleges).
 - In some cases college teaching may be delivered through classes rather than tutorials, at the discretion of the colleges.
 - Tutorials for a paper may not always be given in the same term as the lectures for that paper.
 - The recommended teaching for students offering the optional thesis is **8 tutorials** (provided by college).
- Students taking Philosophy and Politics at FHS may take 1-3 optional Philosophy papers.
 - Students taking Philosophy and Economics at FHS may take 1-3 optional Philosophy papers.
 - Students taking Philosophy, Politics and Economics at FHS may take 0, 1 or 2 optional Philosophy papers.

Politics optional papers

- Politics options papers usually consist **8-16 lectures** (provided by the faculty) delivered over one or two terms, and **8 tutorials** (provided by colleges) given in a single term.
 - Course providers for the papers Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa, Politics in South Asia, Comparative Demographic Systems, and Politics in China may offer supplementary classes. For papers including (but not limited to) Politics of the Middle East, tutorials may be replaced by college classes.
 - **Eight** documents classes for Modern British Government and Politics take place in HT of third year; these run instead of lectures.
 - Tutorials for Politics of China are ordinarily solely available in MT; Comparative Political Economy in MT of 3rd year.
 - Tutorials for a paper may not always be given in the same term as its lectures.
 - The recommended teaching for students taking the optional thesis or supervised dissertation paper is **8 tutorials** (provided by college). Additional support and guidance lectures and workshops are organised by the department.
 - The final list of Politics optional papers will be announced during a student's second year. In the event that recommended teaching patterns of new options fall outside these norms, this information will be updated and students will be informed.
- Students taking Philosophy and Politics at FHS may take 1-3 optional Politics papers.
 - Students taking Politics and Economics at FHS may take 1-3 optional Politics papers.
 - Students taking Philosophy, Politics and Economics at FHS may take 0, 1 or 2 optional P

Identifies individual papers which deviate from the general teaching pattern given for optional papers.

Economics optional papers

- Economics optional papers for 3rd year students run in **Michaelmas term** and **Hilary term**, with the exception of *British Economic History*, which runs in **Trinity term** (taken by 2nd year students).
 - The *recommended* teaching pattern is **16 lectures** (provided by the faculty) and **8 tutorials** (provided by colleges).
 - For Game Theory and Microeconomics papers, teaching may be given through classes rather than tutorials.
 - The recommended teaching for students taking the optional thesis or supervised dissertation paper is **8 tutorials** (provided by college).
 - The final list of Economics optional papers will be announced at the Economics Department's Options Fair at the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School. In the event that recommended teaching patterns of new options fall outside these norms, this information will be updated and students will be informed.
- Students taking Philosophy and Economics at FHS may take 0, 1 or 2 optional Economics papers.
 - Students taking Politics and Economics at FHS may take 0, 1 or 2 optional Economics papers.
 - Students taking Philosophy, Politics and Economics at FHS may take 0 or 1 optional Economics papers.
 - NB: if any optional subjects in Economics are chosen they must include the third core subject.
 - There may be restrictions on numbers permitted to offer some Economics subjects in any particular year.

When choosing optional papers, it is essential that students consult both the Examination regulations and their college tutors. Certain combinations of papers are not permissible, and some optional papers may not be taught every year.

While these tables set out recommended patterns of teaching and contain additional information regarding exam conventions to allow students to navigate their contents, they are not intended to replicate or replace other sources, such as the regulations or the advice of tutors.