



# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS IN POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

This is a credit-based Qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents.

- [Introduction to \*The Qualification Regulations\*](#)
- [General Qualification Regulations](#)
- [Schedule A to \*The Qualification Regulations\*](#)

If you wish to print these regulations, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

## BA–PPE 1 DEGREE NAME

**BA–PPE 1.1** The University offers the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. The degree is referred to as the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Holders of the qualification are permitted to use the letters BA (Hons) PPE (Open) after their name.

- (a) 60 credits are from a range of specified modules at OU first level
- (b) 180 credits are from specified 60-credit modules, one in each of the three disciplines, at OU second level
- (c) 120 credits are from specified 60-credit modules in two of the three disciplines at OU third level.

## BA–PPE 2 REGISTRATION

**BA–PPE 2.1** To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. There is no academic entry requirement.

**BA–PPE 2.2** To be awarded the degree, you must ensure that your credit is linked to it. You can do this as part of the registration process or make a separate request later.

**BA–PPE 3.2** The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have at least 360 credits of which not less than 120 are from successfully completed specified Open University modules at OU third level, and no more than 240 are transferred credit.

## BA–PPE 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

**BA–PPE 3.1** The University will award you the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics if you have a minimum of 360 credits from approved modules provided that:

**BA–PPE 3.3** The credit for this award must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 120 credits. If you already have an Open University BA degree conferred without honours, the minimum amount is reduced to 60 credits.

## BA–PPE 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

**BA–PPE 4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and

Economics is governed by General Qualification Regulation GQ 6.

**BA–PPE 4.2** Any award of transferred credit towards the option modules at OU first level will take the form of general credit exemption.

**BA–PPE 4.3** Any award of transferred credit towards the specified compulsory modules at OU second level must take the form of module exemption.

**BA–PPE 4.4** Any award of transferred credit towards the option modules at OU second level will take the form of general credit exemption.

**BA–PPE 4.5** The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics is 240 credits, of which no more than 60 can be at OU first level.

## **BA–PPE 5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION**

**BA–PPE 5.1** The BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics is classified as follows:

- first class
- upper second class
- lower second class
- third class.

**BA–PPE 5.2** For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use a minimum of 120 and up to 240 credits from your best grades on specified Open University modules at OU second level or higher. At least 120 of these credits must be from modules at OU third level. The class of the degree must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

**BA–PPE 5.3** If you have qualified for the award of a degree conferred with honours and have been offered a classification and have declined, any subsequent changes to the scheme of honours degree classification cannot result in your being offered an honours degree classification lower than that which you were previously offered.

## **BA–PPE 6 DURATION OF STUDY**

**BA–PPE 6.1** The credit required for the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics

must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

**BA–PPE 6.2** Credit from specified modules at OU first level ceases to be countable as such towards the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics 20 years after their final presentation.

**BA–PPE 6.3** Credit from specified modules at OU second level and OU third level ceases to be countable as such towards the BA (Honours) Politics, Philosophy and Economics 10 years after their final presentation.