

Programme Specification

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with a Year Abroad) (2020-21)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

Awarding Institution	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton
Mode of Study	Full-time
Duration in years	4
Accreditation details	None
Final award	Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA (Hons))
Name of award	Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with a Year Abroad)
Interim Exit awards	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
FHEQ level of final award	Level 6
UCAS code	V5L2
Programme code	7816
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	Economics 2007, Philosophy 2007, Politics And International Relations 2007
Programme Lead	Conor McHugh

Programme Overview

Brief outline of the programme

Many of today's leading politicians and public figures studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics. This programme offers you the chance to explore fundamental and far-reaching issues concerning human welfare and social justice, political ideals and economic realities. To do so, it will provide students with knowledge and understanding of central theoretical and methodological issues in the study of philosophy, politics, and economics, as well as formal and informal techniques for evaluating ideas and the information or evidence which supports them. The flexible curriculum will enable you to balance your choice of modules according to your own interests, while also ensuring that you graduate with skills essential to a successful career or further study.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

Learning and teaching

Our teaching draws upon the cutting-edge research of Southampton's philosophers, all of whom are actively engaged in presenting and publishing their work to international audiences.

We place special emphasis on small group teaching. Alongside lectures, you will participate from your first part of study in tutorials and seminars in which you will explore and develop your own ideas in discussion with fellow students and staff.

Each student is assigned a personal academic tutor, a leading academic who provides help and support at every part of study.

Throughout the degree, we impart advanced skills in reasoning, research, communication, and analysis, skills which, alongside the support offered by the University's career service, will prepare you for further study or a future career.

Assessment

You will be assessed by more than just essays and exams. Depending on the modules you choose, you will work in teams, give presentations, submit group projects, engage in debates, and manage larger research projects such as dissertations. The nature of the assessment task is appropriate to the issues you are studying and the range of tasks allows you to develop the skills you need for further study or the world of work.

Special Features of the programme

You have the opportunity to study abroad for either a semester or a full year as part of this programme. Students on the Year Abroad programme will spend Part Three of their programme at one of the Faculty's partner universities and will continue with Part Four of the curriculum upon return to Southampton in their fourth year. Students who choose to spend a semester abroad will do so in their second year and will continue their Part Two curriculum at the partner university, Part Three of the programme will be completed at Southampton.

All students intending to go abroad are required to take the HUMA2012 preparation module before their departure. For students wishing to go abroad for one semester they will normally complete HUMA2012 during Part One of their programme. For all other students going abroad for a full year they will complete HUMA2012 during Part Two of their programme. All students who spend the year abroad are also required to complete HUMA3013 whilst they are away.

Please note: As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's [programme validation process](#) which is described in the University's [Quality handbook](#).

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aims of the programme are to: The aims of the programme are to provide you with:

- Knowledge and understanding of some of the main ideas and arguments of major philosophers in the Western tradition, and of central theories and issues in both theoretical and practical philosophy.
- Knowledge and understanding of central theoretical and methodological issues in the study of politics, of selected areas of political life, and of patterns of stability and change within these areas.

- Knowledge and understanding of the workings of an economy, and of core areas of economics, i.e. microeconomics and macroeconomics.
- Formal and informal techniques, including both quantitative and qualitative methods, for evaluating and analysing theories and data.
- The ability to engage with issues and ideas at the cutting-edge of contemporary research in philosophy, politics and economic, and an appreciation of the interrelations between those fields.
- The ability to think and learn in an independent, creative and disciplined fashion.
- The skills and abilities required for further study and/or your future career path.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Having successfully completed this programme you will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

Knowledge and Understanding

On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. Some of the main ideas and arguments of major philosophers in the Western tradition, and of some central theories and issues in both theoretical and practical philosophy.
- A2. Central theoretical and methodological issues in the study of politics, of selected areas of political life, and of patterns of stability and change within these areas.
- A3. The workings of an economy, and of core areas of economics, i.e. microeconomics and macroeconomics.
- A4. Formal and informal techniques, including both quantitative and qualitative methods, for evaluating and analysing theories and data.
- A5. The interrelations between the fields of philosophy, politics and economics and interdisciplinary approaches to key issues.

Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- B1. Employ formal and informal techniques in advancing and assessing arguments.
- B2. Use quantitative and qualitative methods in evaluating evidence and data.
- B3. Interpret and extract information from complex texts, including historical texts from a variety of traditions.
- B4. Identify, evaluate and analyse problems, positions and arguments in philosophy, politics and economics.
- B5. Apply economic and political analysis to a range of policy areas, and identify the ethical issues which arise in those areas.
- B6. Present and debate positions concerning philosophical, political and economic issues, orally and in writing, in an open-minded, clear and rigorous way.
- B7. Define and use appropriately the technical terminology employed in the areas you study.
- B8. Formulate your own views with respect to various issues in philosophy, politics and economics, and defend those views with arguments.

Transferable and Generic Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- C1. Analyse and present ideas and positions, both orally and in writing.
- C2. Undertake independent work.
- C3. Identify and use appropriate resources
- C4. Work effectively to deadlines.
- C5. Argue in a reasoned and dispassionate fashion
- C6. Manage, plan and execute projects
- C7. Work effectively in a team
- C8. Understand and extract relevant information from complex texts
- C9. Use statistical techniques and methods to analyse and evaluate evidence

Programme Structure

The programme structure table is below:

Information about pre and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note in some instances modules have limited spaces available.

Part I

Typical course content:

The programme is designed to ensure that your learning is progressive. Part 1 is foundational. You will take compulsory and optional modules which introduce you to core or fundamental areas of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. In addition, you will take compulsory modules which are designed to provide you with the advanced skills in mathematics and statistics you will need to succeed in this degree.

At Part 2, which builds on this foundation, there is greater choice and flexibility, allowing you to tailor your studies to your developing interests and expertise. Alongside compulsory modules in Economics, which introduce you to theories and ideas needed to explore the subject at higher part, you will choose from options in central areas of Philosophy, Politics and Economics. While you must take a certain number of modules in each field (see below), you will have the opportunity to weight your studies in one of those areas should you wish.

All modules at Part 3 allows greater choice and flexibility still. You have the option of continuing to take modules in all three of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, or choosing to take modules in just two of these subjects. And you will choose to take a dissertation in one of these subjects, on a topic of your choosing. Modules at this part typically concern topics on which academic staff are actively researching and they aim to introduce you to the cutting-edge of thinking and scholarship in the relevant subject area.

At every part of study, you have the opportunity to exercise module choice. In addition to selecting from a range of optional modules in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, in your second and third years, you will have the opportunity to select up to 30 credits of modules in other subject areas and thereby to broaden your education.

Programme details:

The programme is normally studied over four years full-time, including a year abroad. Study is undertaken at three parts (each corresponding to one year of full-time study).

The programme is divided into modules (courses devoted to specific topics). Single modules have a credit value of 15, while double modules have a credit value of 30. Full-time students take 120 credits at each part, 60 credits in each semester. Some modules are compulsory, though many are optional. If a module is core, it is compulsory and you must pass it in order to progress to the next part of the degree.

You must take at least 30 credits (equivalent to two single modules) in each of your subjects at part one and two, inclusive of any compulsory modules. In part one PHIL1006 Political Philosophy can count towards your 30 credits in Politics. So long as you take any compulsory modules, you must take the remaining credits in the subject area(s) of your choice or up to 30 credits outside of Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

In part three, you can choose between the following options:

(i) Philosophy, Politics, and Economics option: you must take at least 30 credits in each of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. You may use the remaining 30 credits in any available modules of your choice.

(ii) Philosophy and Politics option: you must take at least 45 credits in each of Philosophy and Politics. You may use the remaining 30 credits in any available modules of your choice.

(iii) Philosophy and Economics option: you must take at least 45 credits in each of Philosophy and Economics. You must take either ECON3007 or ECON3008. You may use the remaining 30 credits in any available modules of your choice.

(iii) Politics and Economics option: you must take at least 45 credits in each of Politics and Economics. You must take either ECON3007 or ECON3008. You may use the remaining 30 credits in any available modules of your choice.

Philosophy Assessment:

Formative assessment tasks (e.g. essay drafts or plans) will enable you to receive feedback to guide you in your work for summative assessments. In some modules these formative assessment tasks may be mandatory and non-submission or fail may incur a penalty to your mark for the module.

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Given the scope for module choice, the variety in teaching, learning, and assessment methods, and the support on offer (see below), the programme is both flexible and inclusive. Any student who meets the entry requirements should be able to access the curriculum and demonstrate achievement of all the intended learning outcomes.

Exit Award: Certificate of Higher Education

Part I Compulsory Modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON1016	Economics Skills and Employability 1	0	Compulsory
PHIL1005	Ethics	7.5	Compulsory
PHIL1002	Knowledge and Mind	7.5	Compulsory

Part I Core Modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON1002	Principles of Macroeconomics	7.5	Core
ECON1007	Statistics for Economics	7.5	Core

Part I Optional Modules

ECON1001 Foundations in Microeconomics (core for those without Economics A- level or equivalent) 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS)

ECON1003 Principles of Microeconomics (core for those with Economics A-Level or equivalent) 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS)

ECON1005 Introduction to Maths for Economics (core for those without Mathematics A-level or equivalent) 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS)

ECON1008 Mathematics for Economics (core for those with Mathematics A-level or equivalent) 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS)

You must choose either two Politics modules OR one Politics module and PHIL1006 Political Philosophy.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PAIR1011	A (Dis) United Kingdom? Myth and Reality in British Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR1007	Crises of the 21st Century	7.5	Optional
ECON1001	Foundations of Microeconomics	7.5	Optional
PAIR1001	Introduction to International Relations	7.5	Optional
ECON1005	Introduction to Mathematics for Economics	7.5	Optional
PAIR1005	Introduction to Political Inquiry	7.5	Optional
PAIR1004	Introduction to Political Theory	7.5	Optional
ECON1008	Mathematics for Economics	7.5	Optional
PAIR1002	Political Systems	7.5	Optional
ECON1003	Principles of Microeconomics	7.5	Optional

Part II

All students must either complete PHIL2014 Logic or back-track and complete PHIL1016 Reason and Argument. If you back-track, you must ensure that you still take at least 90 credits of level 5 (year 2) modules over the year.

Exit Award: Diploma of Higher Education

Part II Compulsory Modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON2001	Applied Microeconomics 2	7.5	Compulsory
ECON2035	Economics Skills and Employability 2	0	Compulsory
ECON2002	Macroeconomic Policy 2	7.5	Compulsory

Part II Core

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HUMA2012	Study Abroad Preparation Module	0	Core

Part II Optional Modules

ECON2036 is a prerequisite for ECON3023 Dissertation in Economics.

PAIR2004 is a prerequisite for PAIR3003 Dissertation in Politics and International Relations.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PHIL2001	Aesthetics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2011	American Political Thought	7.5	Optional
PHIL2028	Appearance and Reality	7.5	Optional
PAIR2049	Children and Human Rights	7.5	Optional
PAIR2024	Chinese Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2031	Comparative Party Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2050	Contemporary Theories of Justice	7.5	Optional
PAIR2046	Critics of Empire: Radical and Revolutionary Political Thinkers of the Global South	7.5	Optional
PAIR2026	Democratic Theory	7.5	Optional
PAIR2032	Democratisation in Global Politics: why do some regimes thrive and others flounder?	7.5	Optional
PAIR2005	Development and International Relations	7.5	Optional
ECON2013	Development Economics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2019	Diaspora Politics in Transnational Space	7.5	Optional
PAIR2054	Dilemmas of Leadership	7.5	Optional
PHIL2021	Epistemology	7.5	Optional
PHIL2039	Ethics of Global Poverty	7.5	Optional
PAIR2052	Ethics of Public Policy	7.5	Optional
PAIR2017	European Security Governance	7.5	Optional
PAIR2048	Gender, Power and Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2053	Globalisation and World Politics	7.5	Optional
HUMA2013	How the Arts Work: a practical introduction to cultural economics	7.5	Optional
PAIR2044	Imagining European Futures	7.5	Optional

ECON2005	Industrial Economics 2	7.5	Optional
ECON2026	Introduction to Econometrics	7.5	Optional
PHIL2027	Kant	7.5	Optional
PHIL2014	Logic	7.5	Optional
PHIL2040	Metaethics	7.5	Optional
PHIL2032	Metaphysics	7.5	Optional
ECON2032	Methods of Econometrics	7.5	Optional
PHIL2012	Moral Philosophy	7.5	Optional
PAIR2018	Partisans, Public Opinion and Elections: Understanding the Political Mind	7.5	Optional
PHIL2010	Philosophy of Language	7.5	Optional
PHIL2009	Philosophy of Mind	7.5	Optional
PHIL2037	Philosophy of Religion	7.5	Optional
PAIR2002	Political Thinking	7.5	Optional
PAIR2047	Politics and Protest	7.5	Optional
PAIR2051	Power and Ethics Before Machiavelli	7.5	Optional
PAIR2016	Public Policy Analysis	7.5	Optional
PAIR2004	Qualitative Research in Politics & International Relations	7.5	Optional
PAIR2020	Realism and Idealism in International Relations	7.5	Optional
PHIL1016	Reason and Argument	7.5	Optional
PAIR2042	Reinventing Democracy: Innovation, Participation and Power	7.5	Optional
PAIR2021	The Politics and Governance of the EU	7.5	Optional
PAIR2010	The Struggle for Democracy	7.5	Optional
PAIR2001	Theorising International Politics	7.5	Optional
ECON2004	Topics in Macroeconomics 2	7.5	Optional
UOSM2018	Understanding Modern China	7.5	Optional

Part III

Students will spend the year abroad in a country where the chosen language is spoken, either as:

- studying on a University course
- on an approved work placement

During the year abroad students are required to complete a Year Abroad Report (HUMA3013). This is assessed on a pass/fail basis.

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
HUMA3013	Year Abroad Report Module for Humanities Students	0	Compulsory

Part IV

If you are on either the Philosophy and Economics or Politics and Economics option, then you must take either

ECON3007 Applied Microeconomics 3 or ECON3008 Macroeconomics Policy 3.

If you choose ECON3023 then you must choose ECON3007 Applied Microeconomics 3.

Exit Award: Conferment of award/graduation

Part IV Compulsory Modules

ECON3023 - Dissertation/Project - 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

OR

PHIL3013 - Dissertation in Philosophy- 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

OR

PAIR3003 - Dissertation in Politics and International Relations- 15 ECTS (30 CATS)

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ECON3033	Economics Skills and Employability 3	0	Compulsory

Part IV Core

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PAIR3003	Dissertation in Politics & International Relations	15	Core
ECON3036	Dissertation: Literature Review	7.5	Core
ECON3037	Dissertation: Research Project	7.5	Core
ECON3038	Dissertation: Research Topics	7.5	Core
PHIL3013	Philosophy Dissertation	15	Core

Part IV Optional Modules

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PHIL3035	Action, Reason and Ethics	7.5	Optional
PAIR3063	American Political Thought	7.5	Optional
ECON3031	Applied Econometrics	7.5	Optional
ECON3007	Applied Microeconomics 3	7.5	Optional
PAIR3062	Children and Human Rights	7.5	Optional
PAIR3021	Chinese Politics	7.5	Optional
PHIL3055	Classical Indian Philosophy	7.5	Optional
PAIR3039	Comparative Party Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR3015	Contemporary Theories of Justice	7.5	Optional
PAIR3059	Critics of Empire: Radical and Revolutionary Political Thinkers of the Global South	7.5	Optional
PAIR3033	Democratic Theory	7.5	Optional
PAIR3040	Democratisation in Global Politics: why do some regimes thrive and others flounder?	7.5	Optional

PAIR3005	Development and International Relations	7.5	Optional
PAIR3028	Diaspora Politics in Transnational Space	7.5	Optional
PAIR3052	Dilemmas of Leadership	7.5	Optional
ECON3016	Empirical Finance	7.5	Optional
PAIR3057	Ethics of Public Policy	7.5	Optional
PAIR3026	European Security Governance	7.5	Optional
PHIL3042	Fiction and Fictionalism	7.5	Optional
PAIR3061	Gender, Power and Politics	7.5	Optional
PAIR3014	Globalisation and World Politics	7.5	Optional
PHIL3041	Happiness and Wellbeing	7.5	Optional
PHIL3009	Heidegger	7.5	Optional
HUMA2013	How the Arts Work: a practical introduction to cultural economics	7.5	Optional
HUMA3009	Humanities Undergraduate Ambassador Scheme Yr 3	7.5	Optional
PAIR3056	Imagining European Futures	7.5	Optional
ECON3034	International Trade Theory & Policy	7.5	Optional
ECON3027	Labour Economics	7.5	Optional
ECON3008	Macroeconomic Policy 3	7.5	Optional
PHIL3007	Nietzsche	7.5	Optional
PHIL3051	Other Minds	7.5	Optional
PAIR3027	Partisans, Public Opinion and Elections: Understanding the Political Mind	7.5	Optional
PHIL3054	Philosophical Logic	7.5	Optional
PHIL3034	Philosophy of Sex	7.5	Optional
PAIR3060	Politics and Protest	7.5	Optional
PAIR3050	Power and Ethics Before Machiavelli	7.5	Optional
ECON3015	Principles of Finance	7.5	Optional
PAIR3025	Public Policy Analysis	7.5	Optional
PHIL3049	Puzzles and Paradoxes	7.5	Optional
PAIR3038	Reinventing Democracy: Innovation, Participation and Power	7.5	Optional
PHIL3036	Self-Knowledge	7.5	Optional
PHIL3038	The Ethics of Belief	7.5	Optional
PAIR3030	The Politics and Governance of the EU	7.5	Optional
ECON3010	Topics in Macroeconomics 3	7.5	Optional
PHIL3037	Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy	7.5	Optional

Progression Requirements

The programme follows the University's regulations for [*Progression, Determination and Classification*](#)

of Results : Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes and *Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes* Any exemptions or variations to the University regulations, approved by AQSC are located in *section VI of the University Calendar*.

Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your particular Faculty or discipline area.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices; laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.
- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)
- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.

The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.
- Student Handbooks.
- a Personal Academic Tutor, who will provide you with help and support at each part of study.
- a Combined Honours Liaison Tutor.
- guidance notes on specific forms of assessment.
- all academic and teaching staff in office hours or by appointment.
- Part-specific emailing lists.
- Student mentors.
- study skills toolkits.
- detailed information about all modules, their learning outcomes, forms of assessment, etc.
- feedback from teaching staff on any aspect of your performance.
- a Royal Literary Fund Fellow for advice on essay writing.
- Induction meetings introducing you to the subject areas and alerting you to important information and dates.

Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme.
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff/Student Liaison Committees, School Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feedback on your behalf.
- Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation.
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group.

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

Career Opportunities

Our students have gone on to succeed in a dazzling range of careers, including business, law, medicine, journalism, teaching, IT, the civil service, advertising, film and television, and finance.

Career skills are embedded throughout every stage of our course and are developed at every moment of study. Certain modules offer specific teaching in reasoning and communications skills. In addition, there are work experience opportunities to help you understand how your transferable skills apply in the workplace. During your degree you will learn skills such as:

- Critical thinking
- Analysis
- Clear oral and written communication
- Mental agility
- The ability to appreciate different points of view
- Working in groups

In a survey of results in the American GRE tests (tests of verbal, quantitative and analytical skills), Philosophy graduates achieved better average scores than graduates of any other humanities or social science subject.

External Examiner(s) for the programme

Name: Anthony Booth - University of Sussex
Name: Dr Peter Allen – Bath University
Name: Dr Phil Parvin - Loughborough University
Name: Dr Patrick W Marsh - University of Nottingham
Name: Professor Dieter Balkenborg - University of Exeter
Name: Dr Panayiotis Pourpourides - University of Cardiff

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

Please note: This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information can be found in the programme handbook.

Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

Additional Costs

Type	Details
Computer discs or USB drives	Students are expected to provide their own portable data storage device.
Hardware	It is advisable that students provide their own laptop or personal computer, although shared facilities are available across the University campus.
Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes)	Students on placement programmes can expect to cover costs for health and travel insurance, accommodation and living expenses; travel costs; visa costs. This will vary depending on which country you are travelling to. Specific details on what additional costs there will be are detailed in the individual module profiles which can be found under the modules tab of the programmes details of your programme.
Printing and Photocopying Costs	Where possible, coursework such as essays; projects; dissertations is likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and students will be asked to provide a printed copy. A list of the University printing costs can be found here: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing/
Software Licenses	All software is provided
Stationery	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationary items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.). Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.
Textbooks	Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.

In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module Profile. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at www.calendar.soton.ac.uk.