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Philosophy, Politics & Economics

SYLLABUS OVERVIEW

16-18 YEARS OLD

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About the Programme

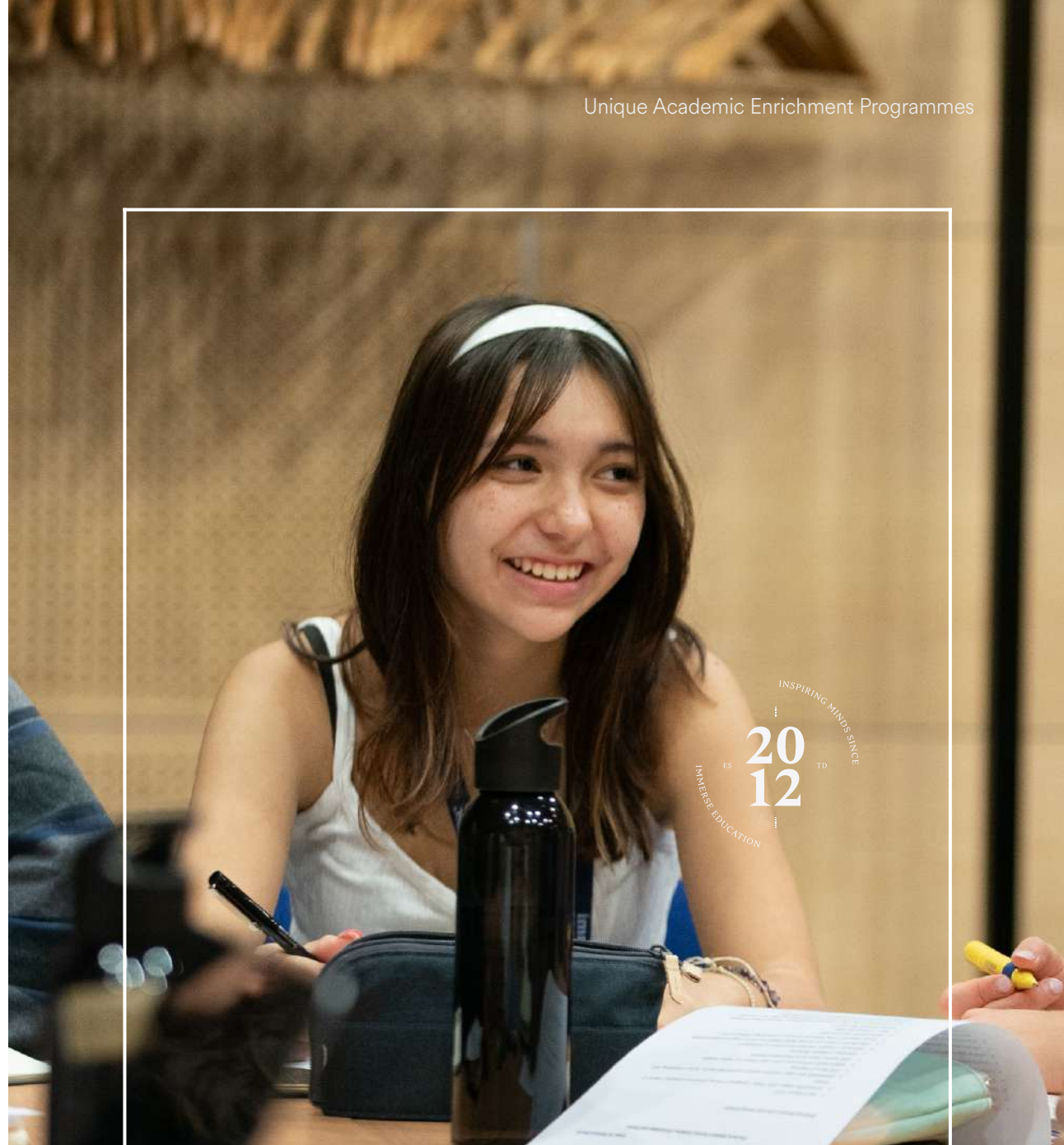
The aim of these introductory programmes is to provide participants with academically challenging content in a classroom environment based on the university style of learning. Through academic sessions, the programmes also offer young students unique and valuable insights into what it would be like to study their chosen subject at an advanced level.

This Syllabus Overview provides a summary of the topics and subject areas that participants can encounter during their studies with Immerse. It has been carefully created by our expert tutors who are members of faculty at world-leading universities, and who have experience in teaching undergraduate students.

Academic Sessions

The academic sessions at Immerse are arranged into modules to enable participants to explore a broad range of topics over the course of their programme. The modules included in this syllabus overview are indicative but not prescriptive.

Tutors are encouraged to include their own specialisms and also focus on any particular areas of interest expressed by participants within the class. They may choose to provide further detail on a specific topic, or they may include new material and information that builds on the knowledge already developed during the programme.





Personal Project

Each programme includes an element of individual work, generally termed the 'Personal Project'. This can take many forms but is commonly an essay or presentation delivered on the final day of the programme. Participants will receive feedback on this work which may also be mentioned in the participant evaluation which is provided in writing by the tutor once the programmes have ended.



Preparatory work

Some tutors may ask participants to complete some preparatory work, such as reading or a series of exercises in advance of the programme. Participants are strongly encouraged to complete this work since it will be included in the opening sessions of the programme. Any preparatory tasks will be provided in advance of the programme directly to the participant.

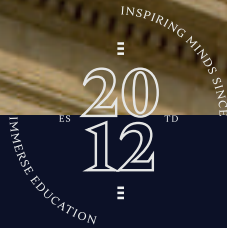
Academic Difficulty

As all of our programmes are designed to provide a unique introduction to advanced material, the syllabus will be academically challenging at times.

This is something to be excited about and all of our tutors will encourage and support participants throughout the programme. Immerse Education aims to develop every participant regardless of ability, and our tutors will adapt their teaching to individual needs.

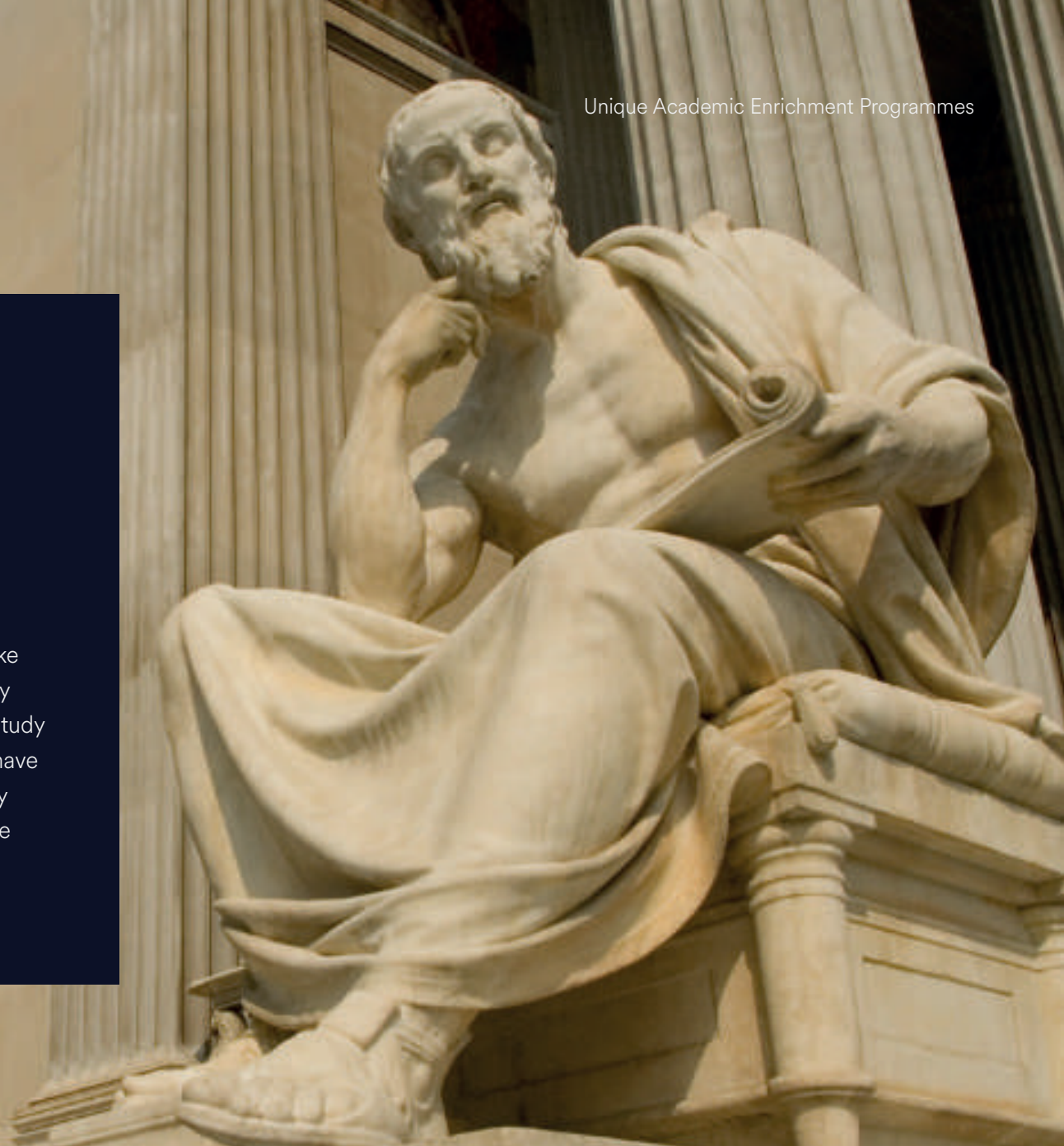
Aim of the PPE Programme

Politics, Philosophy and Economics, or PPE, is a programme founded on the belief that students will benefit greatly from studying the works of economic, social, political, and philosophical thought on a combined course. The aim of this course is to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in a variety of career paths and future academic pursuits. Students will establish a solid foundation of what studying PPE at university looks like, as well as a firm understanding of the subject itself. The PPE course will be taught by three specialist tutors throughout the programme for each of the three subjects.



Introduction to Philosophy

In this module, you will explore the history of philosophy, from the great teachings of Socrates to modern-day philosophers like Rene Descartes. We will explore general, moral and elementary philosophy in order to establish a broad understanding of the study of philosophy and how it has informed the way great thinkers have and continue to perceive the world we live in. This introductory module will form the basis of further knowledge building on the topic throughout the programme.





Introduction to Politics

During the politics module, you will explore the theory of politics as an introduction to political theory, as well as the practice of politics as an introduction to comparative government and politics overall. You will also have the opportunity to explore political analysis as an introduction to empirical and quantitative methods in politics. You will further extend this foundational knowledge of politics throughout the programme in later modules.



Introduction to Economics

The economics component of this programme allows students to explore microeconomics (the functioning of the market economy), versus macroeconomics (dealing with national output and employment, exchange rates and policy issues). In this part of the course, you will also have the chance to explore mathematical and statistical techniques used in economics and will be expected to apply mathematical thinking and problem-solving to practical problems.

British Politics and Government (1900-Modern Day)

In this module, we'll take a deeper look at British politics from the 1900s to the modern day, asking essential questions about the changes in politics and the role of the government in Britain. This delve into UK political history will explore some of the UK's most controversial leaders such as Thatcher, Churchill and Blair, while also gaining insight into how the UK's political history may have influenced global political and social norms.



Ethics of Philosophy

We all have beliefs about what is right and what is wrong, but where do we get those beliefs from and how are they justified? In this part of the course, you will explore the philosophy of 'ethics' and the theories that have been developed in philosophy to explain or interpret ethical thinking. Some of the topics you will explore include consequentialism, liberalism, virtue ethics, moral absolutism and moral nihilism.

Development of the World Economy

The Development of the World Economy module gives an overview as well as a more detailed analysis of the world economy as a whole, giving students the opportunities to consider issues affecting industrial countries, developing countries, and economies in transition to the market, meanwhile addressing topics of pressing current interest.

Comparative Government

Comparative politics is one of the subfields of political science. In this unit, students will compare and contrast power and decision-making within and across national boundaries. Students will analyze the similarities and differences between politics globally, engaging the study of political thought outside of UK and US politics. The study of comparative politics helps us to understand political events and developments in different countries, generate lessons from one place to apply in another, and develop broad political theories.





Plato's Republic

In this module we will take a look at The Republic, a Socratic dialogue authored by Plato around 375 BC. It concerns justice, the order and character of the “just city-state”, as well as “the just man”. The Republic is Plato’s best-known work and has proven to be one of the world’s most influential works of philosophy and political theory, which is why it remains an important piece of literature to explore in relation to both politics and philosophy. By the end of this unit, you will have a understanding of this influential piece of literature, as well as its influences on past and current politics and philosophy.



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