

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

Program Guidelines

The PPE Program enables students to pursue a rigorous course of study that explores significant historical, methodological, and theoretical interconnections between philosophy, politics, and economics. It is designed to help students understand the theoretical and normative foundations of political and economic analysis.

The PPE Program is overseen by the PPE Committee, made up of one faculty member from each of the PPE departments. Each PPE major must choose a member of the PPE Committee to serve as their PPE Major Advisor. The PPE Committee (as a whole) must approve the individual Course of Study Proposal of each PPE student. Students who are interested in pursuing a major in PPE should contact a member of the PPE Committee shortly after they arrive on campus.

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PPE Major

The course requirements for the PPE Program are divided into three sections:

1. Core Courses (13 courses)
2. Electives (5 courses)
3. Senior Research (one semester)

Core courses are chosen to provide students with a basic understanding in each of the three disciplines. Also included in the core is PPE 201, a course in which students independently design the final portion of their PPE studies by developing a topic of focus that unifies their five elective courses and senior research. Electives allow students to concentrate on a specific area or topic of interest, while the senior research project offers a capstone experience where students integrate work in the three disciplines. In effect, the PPE major is a double major distributed across three departments.

Core Courses

Code Title

Philosophy (4 courses)

The following two Philosophy courses:

PHIL 121 Ethics: Philosophical Considerations of Morality

PHIL 126 Social and Political Philosophy

And any two of the following:

PHIL 250 Philosophy of Law

or PHIL 275 Philosophy of Feminism

or PHIL 294 Topics in Ethics

or PHIL 295 Topics in Social and Political Philosophy

or PHIL 321 Metaethics

or PHIL 326 Theories of Justice

Politics (4 courses)

PPA 132 Introduction to Theorizing About Political Life: Normative Issues Common to Democratic Systems

Plus any one of the following two courses:

PPA 102 Introduction to Policymaking in Democracies

or PPA 122 Introduction to Global Governance

Plus any one of the following courses:

PPA 381 Ancient Political Theory

or PPA 382 Modern Political Theory

or PPA 383 Contemporary Political Theory

or PPA 385 American Political Thought

Plus one additional upper-division PPA course (300-level) that is not PPA 381, PPA 382, PPA 383, or American Political Thought.

Economics (4 courses)

The following two Economics courses:

ECON 101 Introductory Macroeconomics

ECON 102 Introductory Microeconomics

And any two of the following:

ECON 201 Economic Justice

or ECON 401 History of Economic Thought I

or ECON 402 History of Economic Thought II

or ECON 466 Evolution of the Western Economy

PPE Course of Study Proposal

All PPE majors must satisfactorily complete PPE 201 - Course of Study Proposal, a half-credit, partial-semester course in spring of their sophomore year. In the course, students will complete a Course of Study Proposal (COSP), which is meant to outline a topic of focus within the PPE disciplines that will unify the student's five major elective courses and senior research project into a coherent whole. In working on the COSP, students will learn how to identify a PPE topic of focus, brainstorm and workshop possibilities with their classmates, and reflect upon the relationship between their studies and their plans for life after Denison. Continuation in the PPE major requires a "Satisfactory" grade in the course.

Electives

A student must select five additional advanced courses (generally, 200-level or above) in at least two of the three departments. The

courses which satisfy this requirement must be approved by the PPE Committee. Under special circumstances, and with the approval of the PPE Committee, a student may be permitted to fulfill up to two elective requirements with courses outside of the Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs, and Economics departments. It is the responsibility of each student's PPE advisor and ultimately, the PPE Committee, to see that the student's course of study realizes the overall goals of the PPE Program.

Senior Research

In addition to completing the course sequence indicated above, each PPE student must complete at least one semester of senior research culminating in a senior research project linking the three areas.

Courses

PPE 201 - Course of Study Proposal (0.5 Credit Hours)

This is a half-credit, partial-semester course that all PPE majors are required to take in spring of their sophomore year. In the course, students will complete a Course of Study Proposal (COSP). The main purpose of the COSP is to outline a topic of focus within the PPE disciplines that will unify the student's five major elective courses and senior research project into a coherent whole. In working on the COSP, students will learn how to identify a PPE topic of focus, brainstorm and workshop possibilities with their classmates, and reflect upon the relationship between their studies and their plans for life after Denison. Continuation in the PPE major requires a "Satisfactory" grade in the course, which is conditional upon approval of the COSP, completion of all course assignments, and full participation in course activities.

PPE 361 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

Directed studies are undertaken at the initiative of the student and may involve any topic acceptable to the student and an instructor.

PPE 362 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

Directed studies are undertaken at the initiative of the student and may involve any topic acceptable to the student and an instructor.

PPE 363 - Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

Independent Study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

PPE 364 - Independent Study in Philosophy, Politics & Economics. (1-4 Credit Hours)

Independent study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

PPE 451 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)

Research in selected topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

PPE 452 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)

Research in selected topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.