

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS MAJOR (M)

Initially created by the University of Oxford in the early 20th Century, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) sought to bridge traditional liberal arts and professional careers. PPE is an interdisciplinary major focusing on the core fields of philosophy, politics, and economics. PPE creates the needed synthesis between the world of ideas, the world of policy, and the world of resources. PPE enhances students' understanding of the interplay between the intellectual, political, and economic issues and institutions that shape our world. As a result, PPE students are those that put themselves on the path of leadership. Careers in law, public policy, electoral politics, research and analysis, finance and business, international affairs and diplomacy, and paths to graduate and law school are typical pathways for PPE majors.

A typical PPE conversation might ask whether a particular course of action is economically or politically feasible, whether it is morally desirable, and how we might evaluate tradeoffs among competing goods. By providing students with a comprehensive view of philosophy, political science, and economics we are following in the tradition of Aristotle, Adam Smith, John Locke, Alexis de Tocqueville, Friedrich Hayek, James Buchanan, Elinor Ostrom, and others, who thought deeply about how to chart a course to a better world.

The importance of breadth is captured well in the following quotation from Friedrich Hayek, "Nobody can be a great economist who is only an economist – and I am even tempted to add that the economist who is only an economist is likely to become a nuisance if not a positive danger."

In the CUW Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program, students think and discuss ideas in an environment committed to open dialogue with faculty who love the joy of discovery and the pursuit of better understanding. With excellent political science, economics, and philosophy faculty, the CUW PPE program is a place for exciting and energetic inquiry from a well-established interdisciplinary perspective.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Constructively apply concepts and arguments from the philosophical, political, and economic traditions to analyze social norms, institutions, and public policies.
- Trace the development of a variety of views on the purpose of government from Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Hayek, Rawls, Bonhoeffer, and other contributors to the great conversation.
- Explain ideas that are philosophically foundational for limited constitutional government and political institutions best capable of producing human flourishing.
- Compare the economic systems employed across nations with a focus on the individual liberty enhancing and wealth building features of a free market economy.
- Defend a Christian understanding of the nature and purpose of citizenship and government and how such a worldview sustains a free society and flourishing economy.
- Understand and apply both quantitative and qualitative research methods in political science, philosophy, and economics.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/)		45
Major Requirements		
<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>39</i>
<i>Major Elective Courses</i>		<i>9</i>
Electives		27
Minor: Optional		
Total Hours		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ECON 2100	Microeconomics	3
ECON 2200	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 3070	History of Economic Thought	3
PHIL 2010	Central Texts of Philosophy	3
PHIL 2500	Moral Philosophy	3
PHIL 4500	Modern Philosophy	3
POLS 1010	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS 2010	American Government	3
POLS 3100	International Relations	3
POLS 3310	American Political Thought	3
PPE 3990	PPE Internship	3
PPE 4910	Senior Seminar I	3
PPE 4920	Senior Seminar II	3
Major Elective Courses (select 3 of the following courses)		9
BUS 3260	Journal Editing & Publishing (take for 3 semesters)	
ECON 3100	Macroeconomic Crises in History	
ECON 3350	An Econometric Survey	
ECON 3700	International Economics	
PHIL 2110	Elementary Logic	
PHIL 3250	Christian Apologetics	
PHIL 3500	Bioethical Dilemmas in Contemporary Society	
PHIL 4100	Medieval Philosophy	
POLS 3000	Comparative Politics	
POLS 3320	Conservative Political Thought	
POLS 3400	U.S. National Security Policy	
Total Hours		48

Plan

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
POLS 1010	Introduction to Political Science	3
CCE 1010	Christian Citizen	3
ENG 1040	Introduction to Writing	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
PHIL 2010	Central Texts of Philosophy	3
ECON 2200	Macroeconomics	3
CCE 1030	Western Thought & Worldview	3

REL 1000	The Bible	3
HUMAN CREATIVITY & EXPRESSION		3
HHP 1100	Stewardship of the Body	1
Hours		16
Semester 3		
POLS 2010	American Government	3
CCE 1040	Science & Humanity	3
REL 1100	Christian Faith	3
SOCIETY & CULTURE		3
Science Core with Lab		4
Hours		16
Semester 4		
PHIL 2500	Moral Philosophy	3
ECON 2100	Microeconomics	3
MATH 2050	Statistics I	3
CCE 1010	Christian Citizen	3
ELECTIVE		3
HHP ACTIVITY COURSE		1
Hours		16
Semester 5		
POLS 3310	American Political Thought	3
ECON 3070	History of Economic Thought	3
PHIL 2210	Human Dignity ((elective))	3
FAITH & LIFE		3
ELECTIVE		3
Hours		15
Semester 6		
POLS 3100	International Relations	3
ECON 3350	An Econometric Survey ((elective))	3
PPE 3990	PPE Internship	3
ELECTIVE		3
ELECTIVE		3
Hours		15
Semester 7		
PPE 4910	Senior Seminar I	3
PHIL 4500	Modern Philosophy	3
POLS 3400	U.S. National Security Policy ((elective))	3
ELECTIVE (POLS 3000 recommended)		3
ELECTIVE		3
Hours		15
Semester 8		
PPE 4920	Senior Seminar II	3
ELECTIVE (PHIL 3250 recommended)		3
ELECTIVE (ECON 3700 recommended)		3
ELECTIVE		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		120

Course options and schedule are subject to change.