

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, BS

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The PPE major at Northeastern University brings together three of the most important approaches to understanding the world around us: political science, philosophy, and economics. This major is an interdisciplinary degree that not only provides students with the analytic tools from three different disciplines but also is designed to teach students to make connections across disciplines and to keep multiple perspectives in mind when analyzing complex social phenomena. This interdisciplinary perspective and set of skills are indispensable in our increasingly interconnected world and are essential in addressing the kinds of complex global problems future leaders will need to tackle.

Students may choose from several concentrations in accordance with their own backgrounds and interests. These include:

- Environment and energy policy
- International political economy
- Law and justice
- Logic and game theory
- Political philosophy
- Public and economic policy
- Racial justice

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Course		
PHIL 1160	Introduction to Economic Justice	4
Core Courses		
<i>Philosophy</i>		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 2303	Social and Political Philosophy	4
or PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism	
PHIL 3435	Moral Philosophy	4
or PHIL 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	

<i>Political Science</i>		
POLS 1150 or POLS 1155	American Government Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	4
<i>Economics</i>		
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 2315 or ECON 2316	Macroeconomic Theory Microeconomic Theory	4
Methods Course		
PHIL 3000	Interdisciplinary Methods for Politics, Philosophy, and Economics	4
Capstone		
Complete one of the following:		4
ECON 4692	Senior Economics Seminar	
ECON 4997	Senior Economics Thesis	
PHIL 4550	Philosophy of Economics	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLS 4701	Political Science Senior Capstone	
POLS 4703	Senior Thesis	

Major Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following:		8
ECON 1200 to ECON 1999		
ECON 2990 to ECON 3559		
ECON 3561 to ECON 4689		
ECON 4900 to ECON 4996		
ECON 5200 to ECON 5999		
PHIL 2000 to PHIL 5999		
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

Concentration

Complete one of the following concentrations:

- Environment and Energy Policy (p.)
- International Political Economy (p.)
- Law and Justice (p.)
- Logic and Game Theory (p.)
- Political Philosophy (p.)
- Public and Economic Policy (p.)
- Racial Justice (p. 6)

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Racial or Gender Justice		
Complete one of the following:		4
ANTH 2302	Gender and Sexuality: A Cross-Cultural Perspective	
COMM 3304	Communication and Inclusion	
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
ECON 1240	Economics of Crime	
ECON 3410	Labor Economics	
ECON 3412	Women's Labor and the Economy	

ECON 3711	Economics of Race
HIST 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine
HIST 2000	Native American Resistance: Past and Present
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism
POLS 3309	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law
SOCL 1260	Sociology of Gender
or WMNS 1260	Sociology of Gender
SOCL 3270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender
WMNS 1101	Sex, Gender, and Popular Culture
WMNS 1103	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WMNS 2304	Communication and Gender
WMNS 2325	Black Feminist Studies
WMNS 2480	Women and World Politics
or INTL 2480	Women and World Politics
WMNS 2505	Digital Feminisms
WMNS 2800	Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression
or HUSV 2800	Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression
WMNS 3100	Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism
WMNS 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law

Statistics and Mathematics

Complete one of the following: 4

MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics (It is highly recommended that students who take MATH 1231 take sections devoted to ECON students only.)
or MATH 1241	Calculus 1
or MATH 1245	Calculus with Applications
or MATH 1251	Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1
or MATH 1340	Intensive Calculus for Engineers
or MATH 1341	Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering

Complete one of the following: 4

ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists
or MATH 2280	Statistics and Software
or POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques

Experiential Learning Requirement

Complete one co-op, study abroad, qualifying Dialogue of Civilizations, or one of the following: 4

ECON 4991	Research
ECON 4994	Internship
ECON 4996	Experiential Education Directed Study
POLS 4942	Internship in Politics
POLS 4970	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1
POLS 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2
POLS 4996	Experiential Education Directed Study

Major GPA/Credit Requirement

Complete 68 semester hours in the major with a 3.000 GPA.

Code	Title	Hours
Economics GPA Requirement		
Grades in the following courses must average to a minimum of C (2.000):		

ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory
or ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists
or MATH 2280	Statistics and Software
or POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques

Course Distribution Requirement

Complete at least four courses in each of the following subject areas: ECON, PHIL, and POLS.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Concentration in Environment and Energy Policy

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following:		8
ECON 1711	Economics of Sustainability	
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
or ECON 3425	Energy Economics	
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics	
or PHIL 1185	The Ethics of Food	
POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy	
Complete one of the following:		4
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
ECON 3425	Energy Economics	
PHIL 1180	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 1185	The Ethics of Food	

Concentration in International Political Economy

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following:		8
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 3290	History of the Global Economy	
ECON 3404	International Food Policy	
ECON 3635	International Economics	
ECON 5200	Topics in Applied Economics	
PHIL 1170	Business, Ethics, and Human Rights	
PHIL 1185	The Ethics of Food	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
Complete one of the following:		4
ECON 1292	Economic History of the Middle East	
HIST 2011	Capitalism and Business: A Global History	
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	

Concentration in Law and Justice

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following, only two of which may be POLS courses:		12
ECON 1240	Economics of Crime	
ECON 1245	Economics of Inequality	

ECON 3424	Law and Economics
HIST 1206	Drug Trade and Drug War: History, Security, Culture
HIST 2280	Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust
HIST 3335	History of Modern Terrorism
PHIL 2155	Human Rights
PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior
POLS 3324	Law and Society
POLS 3406	International Law
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties
WMNS 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law

Concentration in Logic and Game Theory

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following:		12
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 3416	Behavioral Economics	
ECON 4680	Competition Policy and Regulation	
ECON 4681	Information Economics and Game Theory	
ECON 5105	Math and Statistics for Economists	
ECON 5110	Microeconomic Theory	
PHIL 1162	Ethics and Philosophy through Sport	
PHIL 2001	Ethics and Evolutionary Games	
PHIL 2016	The Philosophy and Ethics of Lying and Deception	
PHIL 3050	Information and Uncertainty	
PHIL 4500	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 4515	Advanced Deductive Logic	
PHIL 4550	Philosophy of Economics	

Concentration in Political Philosophy

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following, only two of which may be PHIL courses:		12
ECON 3490	Public Choice Economics	
PHIL 2155	Human Rights	
PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	
PHIL 3435	Moral Philosophy	
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	

Concentration in Public and Economic Policy

Code	Title	Hours
Required Course		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
Elective Courses		
Complete two of the following:		8
ECON 1240	Economics of Crime	

ECON 1245	Economics of Inequality
ECON 1281	Economics of the Creative Industries
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 3410	Labor Economics
ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy
ECON 3420	Urban Economic Issues
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics
ECON 3425	Energy Economics
ECON 3440	Public Finance
ECON 3462	Bubbles, Busts, and Bailouts: Market and Regulatory Failures in the Financial Crisis
ECON 3490	Public Choice Economics
ECON 4680	Competition Policy and Regulation
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy
POLS 2390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy
POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy

Concentration in Racial Justice

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Complete two of the following:		8
ECON 3711	Economics of Race	
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism	
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
Elective Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
ECON 1240	Economics of Crime	
ECON 3410	Labor Economics	
INTL 2500	Race and Global Human Mobility	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
SOCL 3270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender	
WMNS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	

*Students may take courses from the required list as an elective if not taken as a required course.

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops Summer 2/Fall

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
MATH 1231, 1241, 1245, 1251, 1340, or 1341		4 ECON 1116		4 Elective		4 Vacation		
PHIL 1000		1 ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4		
PHIL 1160		4 PHIL 1115		4				
POLS 1160		4 PHIL 2303		4				
General elective		4						
		17			16			8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ECON 1115		4 ECON 2315 or 2316		4 Elective		4 Co-op		0
PHIL 3435 or 2325		4 Statistics and mathematics requirement		4 Elective		4		

POLS 1150 or 1155	4	Major elective	4				
Supporting course in race or gender justice	4	Concentration course	4				
	16		16		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	PHIL 3000		4	General elective	4	Co-op
		Major elective		4	General elective	4	
		Concentration course		4			
		General elective		4			
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours		
Co-op	0	Capstone requirement		4	General elective	4	
		Concentration course		4	General elective	4	
		General elective		4			
		General elective		4			
	0		16		8		

Total Hours: 129