

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, BS (Boston)

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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

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

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 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 | |

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| SOCL 1260 | Sociology of Gender |
| or WMNS 1260 | Sociology of Gender |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | |
| 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 | |

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| POLS 4505 | U.S. Civil Liberties |
| WMNS 3500 | Sexuality, Gender, and the Law |

CONCENTRATION IN LOGIC AND GAME THEORY

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| 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 | |
| or PHIL 4516 | Advanced Inductive Logic | |
| PHIL 4550 | Philosophy of Economics | |

CONCENTRATION IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| 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 |
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| 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 2315 | Macroeconomic Theory | |
| ECON 3410 | Labor Economics | |
| ECON 3413 | Health Economics and Healthcare Policy | |
| 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 | |

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| POLS 2395 | Environmental Politics and Policy |
| POLS 3425 | U.S. Foreign Policy |

CONCENTRATION IN RACIAL JUSTICE

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| Complete two of the following: | | 8 |
| AFCS 3120 | Race, Crime, and Justice | |
| ECON 3711 | Economics of Race | |
| PHIL 3822 | Philosophy of Race and Racism | |
| Elective Course | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| AFCS 3210 | Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance | |
| 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 | |
| PHIL 2492 | Indigenous Philosophy | |
| PHIL 3512 | Religion, Race, and Politics | |
| 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 SECOND HALF/FALL

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| Year 1 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | 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 | | | | | |
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| Year 2 | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | 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 | 0 |
| | | Major elective | | 4 General elective | | 4 | |
| | | Concentration course | | 4 | | | |
| | | General elective | | 4 | | | |
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| Year 4 | | | | | |
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| 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