

POLITICAL ECONOMY, PHILOSOPHY, AND POLITICS, CERTIFICATE

Why enroll in the political economy, philosophy, and politics certificate?

The political economy, philosophy, and politics (PEPP) certificate is rooted in a core insight: social, economic, and political problems have ethical, political, and economic dimensions. While the first program (politics, philosophy, and economics, or PPE) formally combining these three approaches was created at Oxford University in 1920, it drew on a tradition of inquiry that brought the three perspectives together. Since its creation at Oxford, similar programs have been created at a wide range of the world's leading universities.

If we move from the insight behind the program to what it means in practice, we can see that understanding, for example, immigration requires understanding it from political, economic, and ethical perspectives. In short, understanding the pressing political, economic, or philosophical problems of the day entails seeing them from a perspective that brings together all three disciplines. As a result, the PEPP curriculum brings together faculty and coursework from three different academic departments: Economics, Philosophy, and Political Science. This cross-disciplinary curriculum is important not just for intellectual development, but also for fostering the habits of mind central to democratic citizenship.

Students who enroll in the PEPP certificate will thus take coursework from political science, economics, and philosophy, and the certificate program will culminate in a small-enrollment, research- and writing-oriented capstone seminar, POLI SCI 461. Combining breadth across the three disciplines with depth within two of the three, the PEPP certificate is a rigorous and exciting opportunity for cross-disciplinary study.

HOW TO GET IN

Students can declare the program via the online declaration form. (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/pepp-certificate/>)

REQUIREMENTS

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18 credits are required, as follows:¹

CORE BREADTH

Four courses for 12 credits, one course each from these areas:

Economics		
Code	Title	Credits
ECON/HIST SCI 305	Development of Economic Thought	3-4
ECON 330	Money and Banking	4
ECON 435	The Financial System	3
ECON 461	International Macroeconomics	3-4
ECON 464	International Trade	3-4

ECON 465	The American Economy to 1865	3-4
ECON/HISTORY 466	The American Economy Since 1865	3-4

Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
PHILOS 341	Contemporary Moral Issues	3-4
PHILOS/ ENVIR ST 441	Environmental Ethics	3-4
PHILOS/ MED HIST 505	Justice and Health Care	3
PHILOS/ MED HIST 515	Public Health Ethics	3
PHILOS/ECON 524	Philosophy and Economics	3
PHILOS 541	Modern Ethical Theories	3
PHILOS 549	Great Moral Philosophers	3
PHILOS 555	Political Philosophy	3
PHILOS 559	Philosophy of Law	3

Political Science: Political Theory

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 266	The Development of Modern Western Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 360	History of American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 361	Contemporary American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 363	Literature and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 411	The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government	4
POLI SCI 463	Deception and Politics	4

Political Science: Institutions and Political Economy

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 274	Political Choice and Strategy	3-4
POLI SCI 330	Political Economy of Development	3
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 356	Principles of International Law	3-4

ELECTIVE DEPTH COURSE

Take one (1) additional course (3 credits) from the list of courses above in **either** Economics (p. 1) **or** Philosophy (p. 1).

CAPSTONE SEMINAR

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 461	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy, Philosophy, & Politics	3

¹ Courses taken Pass/Fail do not count

RESIDENCY AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA in all certificate courses
- At least 9 certificate credits must be completed in residence

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Knowing key concepts and arguments from economics, philosophy, and political science.
2. Synthesizing key arguments and concepts from philosophy, political science, and economics.
3. Applying arguments and concepts from philosophy, political science, and economics to contemporary policy or scholarly debates.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

Cassie Chulick - Undergraduate Advisor, 210 North Hall
Amy Gangl - Undergraduate Advisor, 302 North Hall
Rachel Margolies - Undergraduate Advisor, 311 North Hall

Joel Clark - Undergraduate Career Advisor, 306 North Hall

Appointments scheduled with Starfish (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>)

PEOPLE

Faculty Director: Daniel Kapust (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/people/faculty/daniel-kapust/>), Associate Professor, Political Science

Program Core Faculty with Departmental Affiliation:

- Jim Walker, Professor, Economics
- Maria Muniagurria, Economics
- Daniel Hausman, Professor, Philosophy
- Harry Brighouse, Professor, Philosophy.
- Daniel Kapust, Associate Professor, Political Science
- Helen Kinsella, Associate Professor, Political Science
- Howard Schweber, Professor, Political Science
- John Zumbrennen, Professor, Political Science
- Genevieve Rousseliere, Assistant Professor, Political Science
- Michelle Schwarze, Assistant Professor, Political Science
- Richard Avramenko, Associate Professor, Political Science

Advising:

- Cassie Chulick, Undergraduate advisor, Political Science
- Amy Gangl, Director of Undergraduate Engagement, Academic, Thesis, & Political Internship Advisor
- Rachel Margolies, Undergraduate Advisor, Undergraduate Coordinator