

POLITICAL ECONOMY, PHILOSOPHY, AND POLITICS, CERTIFICATE

The Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics certificate is rooted in a core insight: social, economic, and political problems have ethical, political, and economic dimensions.

The first program formally combining these three approaches (politics, philosophy, and economics) 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 many 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 Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics certificate 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.

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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 340	Microeconomics in Popular Culture	3
ECON 350	The Chinese Economy	3
ECON 435	The Financial System	3
ECON 461	International Macroeconomics	3-4
ECON 464	International Trade	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

Political Science: Political Theory

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 360	History of American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 361	Contemporary American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI/ILS 363	Literature and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 364	Christian Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 366	Continental Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 411	The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government	4
POLI SCI/ILS 463	Deception and Politics	3-4

Political Science: Institutions and Political Economy

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 274	Political Choice and Strategy	3-4
POLI SCI 304	The Political Economy of Race in the United States	3-4
POLI SCI 330	Political Economy of Development	3-4
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 354	International Institutions and World Order	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

RESIDENCE 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

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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

ADVISING

Cassie Chulick: Undergraduate Advisor, 303 North Hall
Amy Gangl: Undergraduate Advisor, 302 North Hall
Rachel Margolies: Undergraduate Advisor, 301 North Hall

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

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students