

# 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.