

# PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (PPE)

## Looking for a new direction?

Do you find yourself glued to the television during the election season? Is a copy of the *Wall Street Journal* in your backpack? Do you look forward to family reunions to debate public policy with your uncle? Are you genuinely interested in the study and application of philosophy, politics or economics? If the answer is yes, you may be interested in Minnesota State University, Mankato's new bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE). This unique combination of disciplines allows you to focus on the dynamic relationships between the economic, political and legal systems of our society. The PPE major will prepare you for a career in law, business, public policy, journalism, civil service or international affairs.

## Why major in PPE?

The PPE program requires students to complete in-depth study and analysis of the relationships between the political, economic and legal systems of our society. Only after this in-depth study and analysis can we begin to understand, evaluate and influence these complicated relationships.

PPE allows students the flexibility to determine their area of concentration—philosophy, political science or economics—and to position themselves for a variety of careers or areas of graduate study. The content of the major can be broad and diverse, but all students who work through the curriculum develop an appreciation of our society's complex central institutions and problems. At the same time, PPE students acquire the analytical skills required to engage and critically evaluate these institutions.

## Requirements of the PPE degree

When you decide to major in PPE, you are required to take core courses in philosophy, political science, and economics. In addition, you must choose an area of concentration and complete a senior thesis in philosophy, political science or economics. A PPE major requires 44 general education credits, 33-34 major core credits, 15 credits in your chosen area of concentration, and 15 credits of free electives. This structure ensures that you will receive a solid understanding of each of the three disciplines, as well as develop an area of expertise.

## Philosophy, Politics & Economics Major Requirements

General Education:	44 credits
Major Core:	33-34 credits
Concentration area:	15 credits
Free Electives:	15 credits

## Required Language:

8 credits required for Bachelor of Arts  
None required for Bachelor of Science

**Required courses: Core (33-34 credits)**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL 240	Law, Justice, and Society	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
PHIL 224	Business Ethics	3
PHIL 440	Philosophy of Law	3
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
POL 111	U.S. Government	3
POL 231	World Politics	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 241	Intro to Comparative Governments	3
Any ONE of the following:		
POL 311	Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 312	Modern Political Philosophy	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 313	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 410	Topics in Political Theory	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 414	Early U.S. Political Thought	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 415	Recent U.S. Political Thought	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 416	Nonwestern Political Philosophy	3
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 355	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9</b>
Any statistics course in PSYC, SOC, MATH, ECON, or POL	Statistics	3-4
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3-4</b>
PHIL 495 & 496	Senior Thesis I & II	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	
POL 492 or ECON 482	Individual Study	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Requirement of Core Courses</b>		<b>33-34</b>

**Philosophy Concentration Requirements (15 credits)**

Students must take 5 courses from among the following:

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PHIL 321	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 322	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 334	Classical Philosophy	3
PHIL 336	Renaissance and Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 337	19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	3
PHIL 338	American Philosophy	3
PHIL 358	Eastern Philosophy	3
PHIL 437	Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHIL 450	Special Topics (subject to approval by advisor)	3-9
PHIL 455	Existentialism and Phenomenology	3
PHIL 474	Philosophy of the Mind	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
PHIL 480	Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL 499	Individual Study	1-6
<b>Total Requirement of Philosophy Concentration</b>		<b>15</b>

**Political Science Concentration Requirements (15 credits)**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PHIL	Choose one PHIL course from options listed in table above	3
POL 450	Topics in Public Law	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 451	Administrative Law	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 453	Constitutional Law	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 454	Civil Liberties	3
<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>or</i>
POL 455	American Legal Philosophy	3
Choose three additional POL courses listed in table above (two of which must be 300-400 level).		9
<b>Total Requirement of Political Science Concentration</b>		<b>15</b>

**Economics Concentration Requirements (15 credits)**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Choose five additional 300-400 level courses offered by the Department of Economics.		15
<b>Total Requirement of Economics Concentration</b>		<b>15</b>

**Mission:**

The mission of the Philosophy, Politics & Economics major is to prepare students for a variety of careers in law, business, public policy, journalism, civil service, and international affairs. In addition, the program serves as an excellent pre-law major, and prepares students for a variety of graduate fields of study.

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