PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS MAJOR

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The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics major brings together insights and methods from several different disciplines to help students think rigorously and creatively about pressing social and political questions. The major not only combines classes from distinct disciplines (Philosophy, Government and Politics, Public Policy, and Economics), it features courses specifically designed to integrate material from them. The skills developed in the major will be useful for careers in law, government, business, or any field that requires rigorous reasoning with a diverse set of insights, tools, and methods.

Program Objectives
The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program aims to:

1. equip students with methods from the disciplines of philosophy, political science, and economics;
2. encourage students to apply these methods to a diverse array of topics and questions across disciplinary boundaries, especially to normative topics and questions;
3. combine these methods in productive ways to carry out thoughtful, original research;
4. equip students with the ability to write clearly and concisely, read and distill information carefully, and construct arguments in an organized and convincing manner; and
5. inspire a love for learning from a diverse array of scholarly disciplines.

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Students will be able to competently apply basic methods from philosophy, political science, and economics to their reasoning about difficult social and political questions.
2. Students will be able to write and think clearly and in an organized fashion about difficult social and political questions.
3. Students will be able to engage in original research to present convincing arguments for their views on difficult social and political questions.

REQUIREMENTS

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**Disciplinary Foundations**

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**Core Sequence**

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<td>PHPE402</td>
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**Electives**

Select four courses (12 credits):

- PHPE400
- PHPE401

Any PHPE course at the 300-400 level besides PHPE400, PHPE401, and PHPE402

AASP301 Applied Policy Analysis and the Black Community
AASP314
AASP499 Advanced Topics in Public Policy and the Black Community
BMGT468 Special Topics in Management and Organization (BMGT468Y Entrepreneurial Capitalism Around the World)
COMM330 Argumentation and Public Policy
COMM458 Seminar in Political Communication
COMM469 The Discourse of Social Movements
ECON311 American Economic History Before the Civil War
ECON312 American Economic History After the Civil War
GVPT409 Seminar in International Relations and World Politics (GVPT409I: The Politics of Human Rights)
GVPT439 Seminar in Public Law (GVPT439A: Comparative Constitutional Law)
HIST319 Special Topics in History
HIST326 The Roman Republic
HIST328 Selected Topics in History (HIST328L Empires, Revolutions and Cold Wars)
HIST329 Special Topics in History
HIST339 Special Topics in History
HIST415 Ideas and Politics in Europe Since 1900
HIST419 Special Topics in History
HIST428 Selected Topics in History
HIST450 American Capitalism: 1600-1900
HIST451 American Capitalism: 1900 to Present
PHIL341 Ethical Theory
PHIL344 Philosophy of Race
PHIL347 Philosophy of Law
PHIL440 Contemporary Ethical Theory
PHIL445 Contemporary Political Philosophy
PHIL446 Law, Morality, and War
WGSS302 Feminist, Critical Race, and Queer Theories
WMST400

Total Credits: 39

1 A student may petition the Program Director to have an individual course (300-level or above) count as an elective contributing to that student's completion of the major.

For a course to count toward a student's major, the grade in the course must be "C-" or above. The average of all grades counted toward the major must be 2.0 or greater. Therefore, grades of "C-" will have to be balanced with higher grades. (C- counts as 1.7 toward the GPA.)
GRADUATION PLANS

Click here (https://www.arhu.umd.edu/academics/advising/academic-plans/) for roadmaps for graduation plans in the College of Arts and Humanities.

Additional information on developing a graduation plan can be found on the following pages:

- http://4yearplans.umd.edu
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success) section of this catalog