

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (BA)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The world needs flexible thinkers who can adapt to unexpected situations and solve problems in ways that are neither narrowly political nor purely profit-driven. Drexel University's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) exemplifies the University's commitment to a comprehensive education at the intersection of thought and practice.

A joint endeavor of the **SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND PHILOSOPHY**, the BA in PPE provides a multidisciplinary foundation for students who want to address the complex, interconnected challenges of contemporary life.

Students in the program build on a foundation of rigorous philosophical thought, applied research skills, and scientifically grounded political and economic theory. The PPE program emphasizes integrated expertise across fields to enhance the understanding of the complexities of today's world.

Students in the PPE major begin their studies with an interdisciplinary, discussion-based course that examines how the three disciplines work together to tackle real-world problems, such as **WORLD POVERTY, PRESS FREEDOM, RACISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**



INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes core courses and electives across a range of disciplines:

PHILOSOPHY COURSES are focused on establishing a powerful set of logical reasoning, writing and dialogical skills oriented toward questions in ethics, philosophy of law, and social and political philosophy. PPE students take at least one upper-level philosophy seminar and may take more as electives. Recent seminars have included Objectivity in Science, Rawls and Political Liberalism, The Dialogues of Plato, and Theories of Sustainability.

POLITICS COURSES constitute a solid foundation in political science, covering a variety of topics that include comparative politics, history of political thought, qualitative or quantitative research methods, theories of justice, American foreign policy, social protest movements and more.

ECONOMICS COURSES are designed to give the student a foundation for profound analysis and insight. Topics explored include micro- and macroeconomics, economic ideas, public finance and electives chosen from courses that include Game Theory and Applications, Economics of Small Business, Labor Economics, Resource and Environmental Economics, and more.

ELECTIVE COURSES include options like Race, Ethnicity and Social Inequality; Wealth and Power; Gender and Society; Development and Underdevelopment in the Global South; Environmental Justice and more.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Pi Sigma Alpha – The National Political Science Honor Society
- Drexel undergraduate mock trial association

DREXEL CO-OP

Co-operative education options prepare PPE students to pursue advanced education and careers across wide-ranging areas. PPE majors have access to a wide range of co-op positions, such as those related to:

**PUBLIC SERVICE • GOVERNMENT
INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC BUSINESS
LAW • COMMUNITY ORGANIZING • EDUCATION
PUBLISHING • JOURNALISM • ACADEMIC
RESEARCH AND MORE.**

CAREERS

A degree in philosophy, politics and economics prepares students for a wide variety of careers that require thoughtful analysis and engaged leadership. These include roles in:

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