The interdisciplinary major in Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law (PPEL) enables students to pursue a rigorous exploration of the historical, methodological and theoretical interconnections among these four fields of study. Students will acquire knowledge of different conceptual, theoretical and normative perspectives within each discipline, and will learn to use methods appropriate to each of them. The distinctive aim of the major is to assist students in synthesizing what they learn from their study of philosophy, politics, economics, and law so as to apply a combination of practical and theoretical knowledge to questions of social order and public policy.

Major Requirements
The grade point average of the coursework comprising the major must be no less than 2.0, with no course grade below a C- (1.7).

Completion of the major requires a minimum of 13 units earned in the following areas. Note that (a) exactly one course used to meet an area requirement may also count toward the five units of a particular concentration, and that (b) no more than 50% of the courses satisfying the requirements of the PPEL major can be taken in a single department.

A. Core Courses
- ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
- PPEL 261: PPEL Seminar in Theory and Public Policy
- PPEL 262: PPEL Seminar in Law and Social Order
- PPEL 401: PPEL Capstone Seminar

B. Approved Area Courses
- One course in normative theory/ethics
- One course in normative political theory/political philosophy
- One course in law
- Two approved courses, one from each of the areas (Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics) other than the one that is the primary focus of the concentration used to satisfy the major requirement in section C.

Area requirements can be fulfilled by courses in a variety of departments and schools. Majors should consult the PPEL website for a list of approved courses. Students may petition the coordinator to have a new course or a study abroad course count as an area course. Exactly one area course may also count toward the 5 units of a particular concentration.
C. Concentration

Majors complete a departmental concentration concurrently with the core and area courses. Conditional upon approval by the concentration advisor, one of these courses may be outside the named department but taught by a faculty member with the relevant expertise. See the concentration advisor for concentration-specific questions.

**PPEL: Economics**
*Erik Craft (Economics) and Jonathan Wight (Economics), Advisors*

- ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 271 Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 231 Law and Economics or ECON 260 Ethics and Economics
- 2 elective course in Economics

**PPEL: Politics**
*Stephen Simon (Political Science), Advisor*

..... 5 units...

**PPEL: Philosophy**
*Geoff Goddu (Philosophy) and Nancy Schauber (Philosophy), Advisors*

..... 5 units...

**Notes:**
1) With the exception of Leadership Studies, no more than three courses that count toward the completion of another major may also count toward the PPEL major. In the case of Leadership Studies, no more than four courses that count toward the completion of that major may also count toward the PPEL major.
2) Study abroad is strongly encouraged. Upon approval of the PPEL coordinator, in consultation with the appropriate advisor, relevant course work abroad can substitute for major requirements with the exception of PPEL 261, 262, and 401.
3) Students seeking an exception to any of the major requirements must submit a petition to the PPEL Committee. Please see the PPEL Coordinator for additional information.

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