

DIVISION MAJOR – SOCIAL SCIENCES

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS (PPE)

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The following information has official approval of the **Department of Philosophy**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1 st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3600:120	<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> (Humanities Requirement)	3	
	Beginning Language I (Note a)	4	
	-OR-	or	
7700:101	American Sign Language I	3	
	<i>English Composition I Requirement</i>	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	<i>Mathematics Requirement</i> (Note b)	3-4	Appropriate placement by advisor
	<i>Physical Education/Wellness Requirement</i>	1	
Total		13-15	

1 st Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	<i>English Composition II Requirement</i>	3	3300:111 or equivalent
	Beginning Language II	4	Beginning Language I
	-OR-	or	or
7700:102	American Sign Language II	3	7700:101
3600:170	Introduction to Logic	3	
	<i>Speech/Oral Communication Requirement</i>	3	
	<i>Social Science Requirement</i>	3	
Total		15-16	

2 nd Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3700:201	Introduction to Political Research	3	
3250:244	<i>Introduction to Economic Analysis</i> (Social Science Requirement)	3	
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
	Intermediate Language I	3	Beginning Language II
	-OR-	or	or
7700:201	American Sign Language III		7700:102
3400:210	<i>Humanities in the Western Tradition</i>	4	32 credits completed & 3300:112 or equivalent
or	-OR-		
3400:221	<i>Humanities in the World since 1300</i>		32 credits completed & 3300:112 or equivalent
Total		17	

2 nd Year	Spring Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3700:303	Introduction to Political Thought	3	
	<i>Humanities Elective Requirement</i>	3	
3600: 300/400	300/400 Level Philosophy Elective	3	
	Intermediate Language II	3	Intermediate Language I
	-OR-	or	or
7700:202	American Sign Language IV – AND	3	7700:201
7700:222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America	2	Sign Language students only
	<i>Natural Science Requirement</i>	4	
Total		16-18	

3 rd Year		Fall Semester	
3250:410	Intermediate Microeconomics	3	3250:200 or 3250:244, 3450:145
3700: 3/4xx	Political Science Elective (300/400 level)	3	
	<i>Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2-3	
	PPE Elective (Note c)	3	
	Free Elective (Note d)	3	
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Total		17-18	

3 rd Year		Spring Semester	
3250:400	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	3250:201 or 3250:244; 3450:145
3700: 3/4xx	Political Science Elective (300/400 level)	3	
	<i>Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement</i>	2-3	
	PPE Elective (Note c)	3	
xxxx: 3/4xx	Elective (300/400 level) (Note d)	5	
Total		16-17	

4 th Year		Fall Semester	
3250: 3/4xx	Economics Elective (300/400 level)	3	
3700: 3/4xx	Political Science Elective (300/400 level)	3	
3600:464 or 3600:421	Philosophy of Science -OR- Philosophy of Law	3	One course in Philosophy or instructor permission One course in Philosophy or instructor permission
	PPE Elective (Note c)	3	
	Free Elective (Note d)	4	
Total		16	

4 th Year		Spring Semester	
3250:3/4xx	Economics Elective (300/400 level)	3	
3600:3/4xx	Philosophy Elective (300/400 level)	3	
xxxx: 3/4xx	Electives (300/400 level) (Note d)	9	
Total		15	

	Total Credits for Degree	128 min	
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POLICY ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

- a. Completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.
- b. 3450:145 College Algebra is a prerequisite for required major courses (3250:400 and 3250:410). In order to meet that prerequisite requirement, 3450:145 College Algebra should be taken to fulfill the general education mathematics requirement.
- c. PPE electives can be any 3600, 3700, or 3250 course that is not already required by your major.
- d. Free electives can be any course not already required by your major, and upper-level electives can be any course not already required by the major other than General Education designated courses or workshops. Because of the amount of free and upper level electives available for this major, it is encouraged to focus on a specific area of interest. Please consult with the University of Akron website, the Undergraduate Bulletin, and your Academic Advisor about possible minor options.

The Department of Philosophy is in Olin Hall 235, (330) 972-7094. An interested student should see Professor Priscilla Sakezles, Department Chair. E-mail: pks@uakron.edu

COURSES:

In addition to the General Education requirement and the completion of the second year of a foreign language, the PPE curriculum includes a combined 54 credits from the departments of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics- a minimum of 15 credits from each department. The PPE track focuses on how people think and analyze problems; how they perceive the world; how they organize themselves socially; politically and economically; and how all this impinges on human welfare and the attitude individuals and society should adopt on both broad and specific issues. The three areas of study are mutually enhancing to each other, producing a versatile undergraduate degree with depth, breadth, and immediate relevance. An excellent, comprehensive liberal education, with an emphasis on critical thinking, is provided by PPE. This type of education develops skills which are beneficial to a student taking the LSAT or the GRE.

OPTIONAL-OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD:

A capstone course at Oxford University is available to Senior PPE students. This course is offered as part of Oxford's Summer Programme in History, Politics and Society and counts as credit toward the PPE degree. For more information, contact Dr. Priscilla Sakezles, Philosophy Department Chair, at pks@uakron.edu or (330) 972-5242 and/or go to: <http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/summerschools/index.php>

EMPLOYMENT:

The PPE curriculum provides a valuable background for virtually any occupation. By developing intelligence and the ability to think critically and analytically, philosophy is quite useful in the long-range sense, preparing a student to be independent of short-range market demands. Some PPE majors go into academic careers, but many other vocations are possible. PPE is one of the best majors for doing well on the LSAT exam, being admitted to law school, and succeeding in the legal profession. A little known fact is that an exceptionally high percentage of PPE students who apply to medical school are admitted. Philosophically educated students also do well in such fields as management and personnel, investments, government and foreign service, and journalism. Those having skills in mathematics and logic may find employment in the computer industry. Because of the wide variety of fields to which PPE pertains, it is impossible to cite a salary range. Much depends on individual qualifications; generally, the better the credentials (grades, total number of credits, electives chosen, impression in interview, etc.), the better the job.

PLACEMENT:

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Degree requirements in the College of Arts & Sciences include completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language. The College of Arts & Sciences also requires 47 credits of 300/400 level courses, not including workshops, Humanities in the Western Tradition, or Area Studies and Cultural Diversity requirements.

INTERNSHIP AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Internship courses are available which provide students the opportunity for practical experience in the career applications of philosophical studies. Co-op is available on an optional basis in this academic program. To obtain additional information on program benefits, eligibility requirements or to apply for the program, contact the Co-op staff in the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, including transfer coursework
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.0 or better, including transfer coursework
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

A student can arrange their inter-college transfer through an appointment with his/her advisor in the Center for Academic Advising & Student Success, Simmons 205, (330) 972-7430, or Center for Academic Advising & Student Success, Simmons 301, (330) 972-5723 or Summit College, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the advising office in which they reside.

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