POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

PPEC-P-BAH  Specialization (Arts) Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Study social issues and how our society responds to these issues, while asking questions drawn from economic, political and philosophical perspectives. Society faces challenges that are complex and multi-dimensional, and our efforts to tackle these challenges require us to bring complementary intellectual skills together using multi-disciplinary analytical and critical approaches. This program combines Economics, Philosophy and Politics in ways to prepare students to enter graduate studies in areas of law, public service, international development, policy design and analysis, or any other career that calls for strong analytical and communication skills.

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24% of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENT

TOP 5 REASONS to study POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

1. Study in one of the top research departments in Canada.
2. Develop research, analytical, leadership, and creative thinking skills.
3. Learn how to address complex local, national, and international economic problems.
4. Learn how to apply appropriate quantitative methods to a range of economic issues.
5. Develop a deeper understanding of the economy and the world around you.

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Alumni Story

David Card earned his BAH in Economics at Queen’s. He has made fundamental research contributions on the impacts of immigration on labour market wages, unemployment, job training, and inequality. Currently the director at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a professor in California, Card was the co-recipient of the IZA Prize in Labor Economics, as well as a recipient of the American Economic Association’s John Bates Clark Prize.

2021-22 major thresholds

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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## Politics, Philosophy and Economics

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### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

#### 1ST YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Politics, Philosophy and Economics along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### 1ST YEAR

Join teams or clubs on campus. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

Apply to be a 1st year intern with the AMS or ASUS.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

#### 1ST YEAR

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA) or Frontier College Queen's Students for Literacy.

Volunteer with The Journal, Queen's student-run newspaper.

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

#### 1ST YEAR

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

#### 1ST YEAR

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

#### 2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, while considering a certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

### 2ND YEAR

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

Take more responsibility within different extracurriculars, such as Queen's Model Parliament or write an article for publications related to politics such as Politicus.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

#### 2ND YEAR

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC) as a class representative, year representative, or on the executive.

If interested, attend events hosted by Queen's International Affairs Association and Women in International Security.

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

#### 2ND YEAR

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

#### 2ND YEAR

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in Finance. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

#### 3RD YEAR

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

#### 3RD YEAR

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### 3RD YEAR

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects.

Check out Career Services networking workshops. Attend talks in departmental speaker series.

Connect with professors at social and academic events hosted by the DSC.

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#### 3RD YEAR

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#### 2021-2022

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In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your degree and your optional certificate(s).

What will I learn?
A degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge and awareness of the debates, issues and insights that are the focus of study in politics, philosophy and economics
- Identify and describe the primary strengths and weaknesses of the theoretical foundations of contemporary political, philosophical and economic thought
- Critically evaluate approaches that originate from outside the perspectives and theoretical foundations of politics, philosophy or economics
- Communicate sophisticated and complex disciplinary and multidisciplinary reasoning in written, spoken and visual form
- Acknowledge that even multidisciplinary approaches and tools necessarily impose conditions on the questions that can be asked and conclusions reached

Where can I go?
A degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Applied ethics
- Communications
- Graduate and professional studies
- International and local development
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Public relations
- Social and economic consulting and advocacy

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2021-2022. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.
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MAJOR MAP

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.