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 multidimensional, 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.

**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.

**TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

- 6% of alumni work in Law
- 10% of alumni work in Education
- 10% of alumni work in Government
- 24% of alumni work in Banking & Investment

**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.

**2023-24 Plan Thresholds**

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s. econ.queensu.ca
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SPECIALIZATION BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

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 Major's Night in the Winter term to learn more about plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!

2ND YEAR
Start going deeper into the discipline of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, while considering a certificate such as International Studies. Learn more about Certificate 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. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean’s Changemaker Challenges (ASCX 20D/300).

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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to a Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your degree and your optional certificate(s). Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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 1-Year intern with the AMS or ASUS.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen’s International Affairs Association (OAA) or Frontier College. Queen’s Students for Literacy. Volunteer with The Journal, a Queen’s student-run newspaper.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

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

Grasping with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services. Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing, and more with Student Academic Success Services.

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.

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
• Identify issues of social concern for which disciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches can help with framing, articulation, and resolution
• Critically evaluate approaches that originate from outside the perspectives and theoretical foundations of politics, philosophy or economics
• 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.
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.

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.