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.

**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.

**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**

**TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

- Data Analytics
- Disability and Physical Activity
- Employment Relations
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity
- French for Professionals
- Geographic Information Science
- Global Action and Engagement
- Indigenous Languages and Cultures
- International Studies
- Media Studies
- Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Urban Planning Studies

**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.

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

That is a degree from Queen's.
Politics, Philosophy and Economics

**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 Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.
- Join teams or clubs on campus. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in Finance.
- Demand new 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 Certificate and Internship options.

- Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.
- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC) as a class representative, year representative, or on the executive.
- 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.
- Grasp and problemsolving, writing and more with Academic Success Services.

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 ready to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year and entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI).
- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).
- If interested, attend events hosted by Queen’s International Affairs Association or Women in International Security.
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or summer jobs. Consider applying to the Queen’s Innovation Centre Summer Internships. Check out Career Services networking workshops. Attend talks in departmental speaker series.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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).

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Association for Business and Economics, the Canadian Philosophical Association, or the Canadian Institute for International Affairs.
- Examine international students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
- Develop your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Support Services.
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**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 conditions 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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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.
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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.

QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES in May, September, or January

POSITIONS are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree.
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY
- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 3.9

WHY QUIP?
- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS

Cognitive Analytics Development Intern
Biochemistry Intern
GIS Tech Assistant
Mathematics Intern
Health & Wellness Intern
Cheminformatics Intern

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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.

We’re closer than you think.

London / 7 hrs
Dubai / 14 hrs
Bermuda / 2 hrs
New York / 1.5 hrs
Toronto
Queens
Canada
United States
Canada
Beijing / 15 hrs
Vancouver / 5 hrs
Calgary / 4 hrs
San Francisco / 5.5 hrs
Denver / 3 hrs
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