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.

**Sample Year by Year**

**1ST YEAR**
- 12.0 units from main Sub-Plan (Politics, Philosophy, Economics)
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan A
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan B
- 6.0 units of electives

*Those considering Economics Sub-Plan should take one of the Math courses in first year as outlined in the Academic Calendar*

**2ND YEAR**
- 12.0 units from main Sub-Plan (Politics, Philosophy, Economics)
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan A
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan B
- 6.0 units of electives

**3RD YEAR**
- 12.0 units from main Sub-Plan (Politics, Philosophy, Economics)
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan A
- 6.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan B
- 6.0 units of electives

**4TH YEAR**
- 12.0 units from main Sub-Plan (Politics, Philosophy, Economics)
- 8.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan A
- 8.0 units from secondary Sub-Plan B
- 6.0 units of electives

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: [QUartsci.com/academic-calendar](http://QUartsci.com/academic-calendar)
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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 Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

**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.

**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 Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your degree and your optional certificate(s).

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
- 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.
- 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 THINKING GLOBALLY**
- 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.
- 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.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- 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.

### GET THINKING AND CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

**Volunteer**
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Association for Business and Economics, The Canadian Philosophical Association, or the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest.

**Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF)**
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year or entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).
- 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.

### CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

**International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.**
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

### 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.

### What will I learn?
A degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics equips 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, analysis and resolution.
- 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 need to impose conditions on the questions that can be asked and conclusions reached.

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**Why do I want this?**
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**What is the scope of the program?**
This degree is a multidisciplinary approach, meaning each course is unique and will provide you with knowledge in different areas of interest.

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