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# Philosophy, Politics, and Law (undergraduate)

*The study of the law should be introduced as part of a liberal education, to train and enrich the mind. . . . I am convinced that, like history, economics and metaphysics—and perhaps even to a greater degree than these—the law could be advantageously studied with a view to the general development of the mind.*

—Justice Louis Brandeis

Law's influence on our lives is pervasive. It limits and protects us, from before our birth until after we are long dead. Law shapes our lives in every respect: economic, personal, professional and political. To study law seriously, in all its facets, leads far beyond the narrow confines of legal cases to perennial questions of law's origins, operation and justification. Its study respects no disciplinary boundaries; law must be viewed from many different vantage points.

Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPL) is an interdisciplinary BA program designed for both liberal arts and pre-law students. Though many enter law school, other majors go on to graduate school or pursue careers in teaching or business. Courses for the major, selected for their content, include classes in philosophy, political science and history, along with selected cognate courses from other areas. Students are thus able to tailor the major to suit their own interests and needs. Students wishing to do honors in Philosophy, Politics, and Law should speak with their adviser.

The director of the Philosophy, Politics, and Law program is on the Department of Philosophy faculty. Additional faculty members are also designated as advisers.

## Philosophy, Politics, and Law Major

Students majoring in Philosophy, Politics, and Law may choose either Track 1: Traditions of Western Law and Government, or Track 2: American Law and Government.

### Track 1: Traditions of Western Law and Government

Students must take a total of 12 courses to fulfill the requirements for the major. Four courses must be in philosophy, from list A (PHIL 201, 146 or 242, 245, and one elective); two courses must be in Latin; and four courses must be in history, from list C (HIST 101, 300, 302, and one elective). The remaining two courses may be selected from among all the classes listed in lists A-D.

### A. *Philosophy* (four are required)

Required:

PHIL 201. Ancient Philosophy  
PHIL 146. Law and Justice *or*  
PHIL 242. Topics in Classical Political  
Philosophy

Optional (one is required):

PHIL 121. Methods of Reasoning  
(beginning logic)  
PHIL 332. Medieval Philosophy  
PHIL 401. Plato  
PHIL 402. Aristotle  
PHIL 403. Topics in Ancient Philosophy  
PHIL 458. Aristotle's Ethics and Politics

### B. *Latin* (two semesters are required at the level appropriate to the student's background)

### C. *History* (four are required: 101, 300, and 302, plus one elective)

Required:

HIST 101. Foundations of Western  
Civilization  
HIST 300. Ancient Law and Society  
HIST 302. European Law from Justinian to  
Blackstone

Optional:

HIST 202. The Greek World  
HIST 203. The Rise and Fall of Rome  
HIST 204. The Early Middle Ages  
HIST 205. The High Middle Ages  
HIST 206. Early Renaissance Europe  
HIST 207. Reformation and Renaissance  
Europe  
HIST 208. Privilege and Protest in Early  
Modern Europe  
HIST 213. England: Prehistory to the War  
of the Roses

### D. *Cognates* (all electives)

ENG 230. Medieval Literature  
ENG 330. Topics in Medieval Literature  
ENG 331. Old English  
ENG 333. Women and Society in Medieval  
Literature  
GRK (one course in the Greek language at the  
level appropriate to the student's  
background)  
JUST 241. Biblical History: Hebrew Origins of  
the Exile  
JUST 271. Women in Jewish Law  
JUST 381. Topics in Jewish Thought and  
Society: Biblical to Rabbinic Periods  
PLSC 375. International Law  
PPL 280. Law and Literature

### Track 2: American Law and Government

Twelve total courses are required. Four must be in philosophy (PHIL 146; either PHIL 147 or 149; PHIL 245; and either PHIL 455, 456, 457 or 458); two must be in political science from list B; and two must be in history from list C (one of which

must be HIST 300, 302 or 356). The remaining four courses may be selected from among all the classes listed under A–D: Philosophy, Political Science, History or Cognates. (Courses marked by a + are especially recommended.)

**A. *Philosophy*** (four total courses required)  
Required:

- PHIL 146. Law and Justice
- PHIL 147. Law, Ethics and Business *or*
- PHIL 149. Environmental Ethics and Policy
- PHIL 245. Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 455. Advanced Philosophy of Law *or*
- PHIL 456. Problems in Law and Political Theory *or*
- PHIL 457. Problems in Law and Morality *or*
- PHIL 458. Problems in Law and the History of Philosophy

Optional:

- PHIL 121. Methods of Reasoning
- PHIL 135. Philosophy and Public Policy
- PHIL 140. Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 142. Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 148. Medical Ethics
- PHIL 242. Classics in Political Philosophy
- PHIL 246. Marxism
- PHIL 488. Topics in Social and Political Philosophy

**B. *Political Science*** (any two are required)

- PLSC 111. American Politics
- PLSC 215. Environmental Policy
- PLSC 219. Pluralism, Prejudice and Public Law
- PLSC 320. Public Administration
- PLSC 321. The American Presidency
- PLSC 323. The Congress in American Politics
- +PLSC 324. Campaigns and Elections
- PLSC 325. Ethics and U.S. Foreign Policy
- +PLSC 326. American State Politics
- +PLSC 328. Public Policy and Political Process
- PLSC 329. Public Law
- PLSC 331. Constitutional Law and Politics
- PLSC 333. Civil Rights and Liberties
- PLSC 335. Politics and the Legal Order
- PLSC 337. Law, the Courts and Social Issues
- PLSC 341. Women and Politics
- PLSC 342. Urban Politics
- PLSC 360. Political Behavior
- PLSC 375. International Law
- +PLSC 421. American Politics: Congress
- PLSC 452. Evolution of Criminal Justice
- PLSC 454. Criminal Justice Policy
- PLSC 461. Political Theory and Constitution
- PLSC 484. Seminar in Special Topics in Public Law

**C. *History*** (minimum of two are required; one must be HIST 300, 302 or 356)

- HIST 101. Foundations of Western Civilization
- HIST 103. Foundations of American Civilization
- HIST 104. Modern American Civilization
- HIST 208. Privilege and Protest in Early Modern Europe
- HIST 250. Colonial America
- HIST 251. Revolutionary America
- HIST 253. Civil War and Reconstruction
- HIST 257. American Working Class Since 1877
- +HIST 300. Ancient Law and Society
- +HIST 302. Legal History: Justinian to Blackstone
- +HIST 356. American Legal History

**D. *Cognate Courses*** (all electives)

- ECON 103. Introduction to the International Economy
- ECON 144. Poverty and Discrimination
- +ECON 160. Principles of Microeconomics
- +ECON 162. Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 343. Introduction to Labor Economics and IR
- ECON 349. Economics of Law and Property Rights
- ECON 350. U.S. Financial System: Markets and Institutions
- ECON 449. Economic Analysis of Law
- ENVI 212. Environmental Law and Policy
- ENVI 215. Environmental Policy
- JUST 271. Women in Jewish Law
- +PPL 280. Problems in Philosophy, Politics, and Law
- SOC 260. Social Problems in the United States
- SOC 370. Social Inequality

Note: Students must earn a grade of C– or higher in courses fulfilling the major; courses cannot be taken Pass/Fail. Substitution of other courses (except courses transferred from other universities) must be approved by *both* the student's PPL adviser and the PPL director. Substitutions will be granted only in unusual circumstances, and are considered only in the senior year.

## Honors in Philosophy, Politics, and Law

Students who wish to pursue honors in PPL should speak with an adviser regarding requirements for the honors degree.

## Philosophy, Politics, and Law in Britain

For information about this study abroad program at the University in East Anglia in Norwich, England, contact either the PPL director or the office of International Programs. PPL in Britain is open to both PPL and non-PPL majors.