Philosophy, Politics and Law

Major Overview:
The Philosophy, Politics and Law major is an interdisciplinary major focused on law, policy, government and citizenship. It draws on philosophy, political science, history and other areas of study. PPL majors learn how to think critically, write well, and cogently debate about social, political, ethical and legal issues.

Research Areas:
The PPL program offers students two honors options, the Pell Honors program and the Department Honors Program. The honors programs allow students to explore a writing project of their choice, delving deeper than typical undergraduate experience coursework requires. In addition, there are opportunities to receive academic based awards and funded study abroad program opportunities. For more information view the Honors Program web page. [http://www.binghamton.edu/philosophy-politics-and-law/undergraduate-program/honors-program.html]

The Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPL)/Master of Public Administration (MPA) combined degree program gives students the option to earn a Master’s degree in five years instead of the typical six. The Master of Public Administration degree is ideal for students who have an interest in public service. MPA graduates pursue various venues of success, often holding positions as city, county, or village managers, directors of nonprofit organizations, policy advisors or analysts for the federal or state government, among others. [http://www.binghamton.edu/philosophy-politics-and-law/combined-degree-programs.html]
Post-Graduation:
A PPL degree prepares students for a range of career opportunities. Due to the knowledge about institutions and the many critical thinking and analytical skills students acquire, PPL students are a benefit to organizations in both the public and private career sectors. A few of the careers open to PPL majors are shown below, although some may require additional education or experience:

- Attorney
- Business Administrator or Manager
- Religious Leader
- Development Officer
- Journalist
- Non-Profit Administrator
- Labor Relations Representative
- Legislative Aid
- Librarian
- Social Worker
- Politician
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Executive
- Publisher
- Teacher

Courses:
The PPL major requires students to synthesize information gained through a wide range of courses. As a first semester freshman, you might choose from:

- PHIL 146: Law and Justice
- PHIL 147: Markets, Ethics and Law
- PHIL 148: Medical Ethics
- PHIL 149: Environmental Ethics and Policy
- PLSC 111: Introduction to American Politics
- PLSC 113: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- HIST 103: Foundations of America
- HIST 104: Modern American Civilization
- ECON 160 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 162 Principles of Macroeconomics

Thank you.

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