

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND LAW

The multidisciplinary Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (PPEL) program ranges from the classic texts of Western tradition to the modern analytic and quantitative skills that equip students for professional success in the twenty-first century. Students enrolling in the PPEL curriculum will learn to read, write, and think critically while being steeped in the great ideas, thinkers, and debates of the past and present.

About this Program

- **School:** Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

School Information

The Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education is devoted to research and teaching on Western civilization and the principles of a free society. Here students see past their horizons and prepare for lifetimes of leadership by studying the greatest works of the Western tradition and beyond. Open inquiry and the pursuit of excellence grounded in Western civilization and the American experience are the foundation of an education that will lead our students to thrive not just while at the University of Florida, but throughout their lives and careers. Liberal education promises to be a transformative experience and the university, "the meeting place of the greats." The Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education fulfills that promise.

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Curriculum

- Great Book and Ideas
- Great Books and Ideas Minor
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Minor

PPEL prepares students to address the biggest challenges facing governments, businesses, and communities around the world today. These problems are not only political, economic, or legal; they are multifaceted, with intersecting moral, political, economic, and legal considerations. To understand these problems, students' training must go beyond the boundaries of any single traditional academic discipline. Through case studies and a capstone senior research project, students acquire foundational analytical and quantitative skills; learn to analyze problems holistically by integrating multiple disciplinary perspectives; and learn to apply their new skills and knowledge to real world problems.

Coursework for the Major

Total Credits: 41

Intellectual Foundations | 9 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
AMS 2010	Civil Discourse and the American Political Order	3
ISS 2105	The Origins of the Contemporary West: I (Ancients to the Scientific Revolution)	3
ISS 2106	The Origins of the Contemporary West: II (Enlightenment to Modernity)	3
Total Credits		9

Methodological Foundations | 14 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ISS 2445	Legal Reasoning: How to Think Like a Lawyer	3

STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1	3
Total Credits		14

Historical and Theoretical Perspectives | 12 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
ISS 2122	The History of Political Economy	3
ISS 2440	Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law	3
Select two:		6
ISS 3441	Liberty and Order: Philosophical, Political, Economic and Legal Perspectives	
ISS 3442	Human Flourishing: Philosophical, Political, Economic and Legal Perspectives	
ISS 3444	Major Figures in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law	
ISS 3930	Special Topics in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law	
Total Credits		12

Applied Knowledge | 6 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
ISS 4910	PPEL Research Seminar	3
ISS 4931	Big Problems in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law	3
or ISS 4940	PPEL Internship	
Total Credits		6

Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (<https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/>) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete ISS 2105: Origins of the Contemporary West: 1 World with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- Complete ISS 2106: Origins of the Contemporary West: II World with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

- Complete ISS 2440: Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law and ECO 2023 with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- ECO 2013 and ISS 2445: Legal Reasoning with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete ISS 2122: The History of Political Economy and STA 2023 with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 6

- Complete 1 ISS 2000 Elective or 2 ISS 3000-level Elective with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 7

- ISS 4910: PPEL Research Seminar with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- Complete 1 Approved Elective with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 8

- ISS 4931: Big Problems: PPEL Case Studies with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- Complete 1 Approved Elective with a 2.5 Critical tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)		3
ISS 2105:Origins of the Contemporary West: 1 (Critical Tracking)		3
State Core Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
State Core Gen Ed Mathematics (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext)		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Semester Two		
Quest 2 (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
ISS 2106:Origins of the Contemporary West: II (Critical Tracking)		3
Gen Ed Biological and Physical Sciences		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
Gen Ed Mathematics		3
Credits		15
Semester Three		
AMS 2010	Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Gen Ed Humanities)	3
AMH 2020	United States Since 1877 (State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#genedcoursestext))	3
ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics (Critical Tracking)	4
ISS 2440:Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (Critical Tracking)		3
Elective		3
Credits		16
Semester Four		
Quest 2 (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics (Critical Tracking)	4
ISS 2445:Legal Reasoning (Critical Tracking)		3
State Core Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 6,000 words		3
Approved elective		3
Credits		16
Semester Five		
ISS 2000- or 3000-level Elective		3
ISS 2122:The History of Political Economy (Critical Tracking)		3
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking)	3
Elective (Writing Requirement 6,000 words)		3
Elective (3000-level or above, not in major)		3
Credits		15
Semester Six		
ISS 2000- or 3000-level Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
ISS 3000-level Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Approved Elective		3
Electives (3000-level or above, not in major)		6
Credits		15
Semester Seven		
ISS 4910:PPEL Research Seminar (Critical Tracking ; Writing Requirement: 6,000 words)		3
Approved Elective (Critical Tracking)		3
Elective (3000-level or above, not in major)		3

Electives	6
Credits	15
Semester Eight	
ISS 4931:Big Problems: PPEL Case Studies (Critical Tracking)	3
Approved Elective (Critical Tracking)	3
Elective (3000-level or above, not in major)	3
Electives	6
Credits	15
Total Credits	122