

# **PPE Requirements and Sample Program**

## **1. Requirements**

Because the M.A. in PPE Program is envisioned as a small, highly selective program, these requirements are flexible and can be tailored to an individual student's needs by the program director, meaning that by petition other courses may be applied to the requirements, upon approval by the program director.

For the proposed 4+1 M.A., the program of study can be divided into two stages: undergraduate requirements to be completed before the end of the fourth year, and graduate requirements to be completed by the end of the fifth year.

Undergraduate prerequisites:

- 1) Completion of a B.A. in one of the associated disciplines.
- 2) Six additional courses (with at least three upper-division) in the two disciplines that are not the student's major (three each). These courses must be approved by the director of the PPE program.

Graduate prerequisites:

- 1) Economics 203A "Mathematics for Economists"
- 2) Proseminar in PPE I, II, III
- 3) Six graduate courses approved by the director of the PPE program, two of each area

In addition to completing coursework, the other major requirement of the M.A. in PPE is either (1) an oral comprehensive examination or (2) an M.A. thesis as selected by the student in consultation with the director.

In the case of option (1), an oral comprehensive examination, the exam committee is constituted by the director and two participating faculty selected by the director. An effort will be made in this selection to get breadth in the three key areas of the program. The oral exams will be one hour long. The director's primary role in the exam is to ensure coverage of the main areas of the program and an appropriate degree of uniformity in standards between students. To this end, the director will divide the exam into three roughly 20 minute segments, each focusing on one of the main areas.

In the case of option (2), an M.A. thesis, the student meets with the director who, in consultation with the participating faculty, helps the student to choose an appropriate faculty member to supervise the thesis. While there is no required length, in consultation with the faculty member supervising the thesis, the student should typically aim for something on the order of 20-30 pages. A successful thesis should demonstrate competence in the three key areas of the program as appropriate to the subject. The suitability of the thesis in satisfying the exam-or-thesis requirement will be determined by the director, the faculty member with whom the thesis was written, and one other participating member of the participating faculty as selected by the director.

## 2. Sample program

Below are three sample programs, one for each of the three possible undergraduate majors of prospective M.A. in PPE students. Because this is a very small program, courses of study are highly customizable according to student needs and interests.

Several of the breadth requirements to be completed as an undergraduate can be fulfilled with general education requirements, so they should not pose an undue burden on qualified undergraduates interesting in pursuing the MA in PPE.

Each sample program also has Economics 203A as a requirement to be fulfilled in the summer before the fifth year. The PPE director can waive the requirement if students are sufficiently well informed in the mathematical aspects of PPE.

It will be up to the PPE director to approve courses taught in other departments on a case-by-case basis.

Full-time sample program of study for a student majoring in *Philosophy*.

	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>4th year (undergraduate)</b>	Econ 15A Econ 100A	Econ 15B PolSci 31A	PolSci 71A PolSci 71A
<b>5th year (graduate)</b>	Proseminar in PPE LPS 244 LPS 205A	Proseminar in PPE Econ 210A PolSci 232A	Proseminar in PPE Econ 243A PolSci 252E

Full-time sample program of study for a student majoring in *Political Science*.

	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>4th year (undergraduate)</b>	Econ 20A Econ 116A	Econ 20B Phil 22	Phil 128 Phil 133
<b>5th year (graduate)</b>	Proseminar in PPE LPS 244 PolSci 211A	Proseminar in PPE Econ 210B LPS 205B	Proseminar in PPE Econ 229 PolSci 252E

Full-time sample program of study for a student majoring in *Economics*.

	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>4th year (undergraduate)</b>	Phil 22 Phil 128	PolSci 31A PolSci 71A	Phil 133 PolSci 127A
<b>5th year (graduate)</b>	Proseminar in PPE Econ 210A PolSci 211A	Proseminar in PPE Econ 210B LPS 244	Proseminar in PPE Phil 232 PolSci 252E