

# Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)



Belmont Abbey  
COLLEGE

## Includes

PH 301 The Good Life  
PO 361 American  
Political Thought I  
EC 317  
PO 401: Classical  
Political Philosophy  
One Political Thought  
Elective  
EC 201: Introductory  
Economics I (Macro-  
economics)  
EC 202: Introductory  
Economics II (Micro-  
economics)  
6 Additional course  
hours from 300+ level  
Economics classes  
MA 208 Statistics or  
EC 306 Quantitative  
Analysis  
And more!

## Program Summary

Our program at Belmont Abbey College is based on the Oxford PPE program that has produced many presidents, prime ministers, and other world leaders. The three disciplines (philosophy, politics, and economics) together provide the skills to succeed in graduate school and to climb organizational ladders, and typically provide better salaries than business majors. From its beginnings at the University of Oxford, the PPE model has spread to many of the top colleges in the English-speaking world. Belmont Abbey College offers the first PPE program in the Charlotte area. In Philosophy, we focus on the Aristotelian and Thomistic traditions, in dialogue with modern and postmodern thinkers such as Locke, Rousseau, and Nietzsche. In Politics, we focus on both Classical and American polity. In Economics, we introduce you to the breadth of economic thought, including Chicago Neoclassical, Post-Keynesian, and Austrian schools of economics.

## Beyond the Classroom

Our program is ideal for future political leaders as well as future lawyers, as philosophy majors score highest (and economics majors third highest) on the LSAT. But many PPE majors will find their vocations in finance, consulting, and business.

## Department Chair

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## Questions?

Ask your Admissions Counselor or a  
Faculty member of this department!



# CURRICULUM CHECK SHEET

## MAJOR BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

	GRADE	CREDIT
<b>WRITING, 6 HRS</b>		
RH 101 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing I		3
RH102 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing II		3

<b>FIRST-YEAR SYMPOSIUM, 3 HRS</b>		
<i>(for first time traditional students or transfers with fewer than 12 credit hours)</i>		
FS101 First Year Symposium		3

<b>QUANTITATIVE REASONING, 3 HRS</b>		
<i>(MA135, 151,152, or any 200-level math course, statistics, or calculus)</i>		

<b>THEOLOGY, 6 HRS</b>		
TH105 Introduction to Scripture		3
TH205 Introduction to Theology		3

<b>PHILOSOPHY, 6 HRS</b>		
* PO211 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy I		3
* PO212 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy II		3

<b>HISTORY, 6 HRS</b>		
HI101 Western Civilization I		3
HI102 Western Civilization II		3

<b>LITERATURE, 6 HRS</b>		
EN211 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition I		3
EN212 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition II		3

<b>FINE ARTS, 3 HRS</b>		
<i>(AR101,102,EN216,TA108,TA110,MU101,OR MU110)</i>		

<b>NATURAL SCIENCES, 8 HRS</b>		
BI101 General Biology		4
SC110 Physical World		4

<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES, 6 HRS</b>		
PO201 The U.S. Constitution		3
PC201/SO201/EC201/CJ201		3

120 SEMESTER HOURS AND A MINIMUM 2.00 GPA REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.

THE LAST 30 CREDITS OF YOUR DEGREE MUST BE OBTAINED

<b>MAJOR COURSES</b>		
COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT
<b>Philosophy Requirements:</b>		
PH202 Introduction to Logical Reasoning		3
PH301 The Good Life (Ethics)		3
PH330 Philosophy of Mind & Human Nature		3
Choose 1 course from below (3 cr hrs)		
PH300-400 Level		3
TH340 Catholic Social Teaching		3
TH/EC352 Bus. Econ.& Catholic Thought		3
<b>Politics Requirements:</b>		
PO309 American Constitutional Law I		3
PO361 American Political Thought I		3
PO410		3
Choose 1 course from below (3 cr hrs)		
PO 300-400 level		3
<b>Economics Requirements:</b>		
EC201 Prin. of Macro Econ		3
<b>EC202 Prin. of Micro Econ</b>		3
6 cr hrs from EC 300-400 level courses		6
<b>Further Requirements:</b>		
MA208 or EC306		3
PE300 PPE Seminar		3
Senior Thesis (in either PH,PO, EC)		3
Either 6 cr hrs in one language		6
Or 6 cr hrs from the following:		or
MA 200 level or higher		6
History (HI) courses at 200+		6
PC330 Industrial/Org. Psychology and		6
PC360 Social Psychology		
Internship		6

<b>GENERAL ELECTIVES 10 CR HRS</b>		

<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>		
WRITING INTENSIVE		
COMPUTER COMP/COMPUTER EXAM		

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THAT ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION ARE MET.

\* As an alternative to PO211 and 212, students may opt to take the Philosophy sequence per the *Academic Catalogue*.