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PPE
(Philosophy, Political Science, Economics)
Bachelor of Arts Degree

NOTE TO STUDENT: A student is expected to be familiar with the degree requirements. The following information has official approval of the Department of Philosophy but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of admission to the degree-granting college.

FIRST YEAR

| <u>Fall Semester</u> | <u>Semester Credit Hours</u> | <u>Prerequisite</u> |
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| English Composition Requirement (Note a.) | 4 | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| Physical Education/Wellness (Note a.) | 1-3 | |
| 3600:120 Introduction to Ethics | 3 | |
| 3450/3470 Mathematics Requirement (Note a.) | 3-4 | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| Language Requirement (Note b.) | <u>3-4</u> | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| | 14-18 | |

Spring Semester

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| English Composition Requirement (Note a.) | 3 | 3300:111 or equivalent |
| Speech/Oral Communication (Note a.) | 3 | |
| Social Science Requirement (Note c.& a.) | 3-4 | |
| 3600:170 Introduction to Logic | 3 | |
| Language Requirement (Note b.) | <u>3-4</u> | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| | 15-17 | |

SECOND YEAR

| <u>Fall Semester</u> | <u>Semester Credit Hours</u> | <u>Prerequisite</u> |
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| Natural Science Requirement (Note a.) | 3-4 | |
| 3700:201 Introduction to Political Research | 3 | |
| Language Requirement (Note b.) | 3 | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| 3250:244 Introduction to Economic Analysis | 3 | |
| 3400:210 Humanities in Western Tradition I | <u>4</u> | 32 credits & 3300: 112 or equivalent |
| | 16-17 | |

Spring Semester

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| Natural Science Requirement (Note a.) | 3-4 | |
| Humanities Requirement (Note d & a.) | 3 | |
| Language Requirement (Note b.) | 3 | Appropriate Placement by Adviser |
| Elective | <u>3-4</u> | |
| | 12-16 | |

NOTES:

- a. Please see the General Education Guide for options at <http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/GEN-EDUC.pdf>
- b. Completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. A student considering advanced work in PPE will find French, German, or Latin advantageous.
- c. Intro. To Economic Analysis will meet part of the General Education Social Science requirement, the other requirement must be taken outside of the Economics set.
- d. Intro to Logic and Intro to Ethics will meet part of the General Education Humanities requirement, the other requirement must be taken outside of the Philosophy/Classics set.

POLICY ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

The Department of Philosophy is in Olin Hall 235, (330) 972-7094. An interested student should see Professor Priscilla Sakezles, Department Chair. E-mail: pks@uakron.edu

COURSES:

In addition to the General Education requirement and the completion of the second year of a foreign language, the PPE curriculum includes a combined 54 credits from the departments of Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics- a minimum of 15 credits from each department. The PPE track focuses on how many people think and analyze problems; how they perceive the world; how they organize themselves socially; politically and economically; and how all this impinges on human welfare and the attitude individuals and society should adopt on both broad and specific issues. The three areas of study are mutually enhancing to each other, producing a versatile undergraduate degree with depth, breadth, and immediate relevance. An excellent, comprehensive liberal education, with an emphasis on critical thinking, is provided by PPE. This type of education develops skills which are beneficial to a student taking the LSAT or the GRE.

OPTIONAL-OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD:

A capstone course at Oxford University is available to Senior PPE students. This course is offered as part of Oxford's Summer Programme in History, Politics and Society and counts as credit toward the PPE degree

EMPLOYMENT:

The PPE curriculum provides a valuable background for virtually any occupation. By developing intelligence and the ability to think critically and analytically, philosophy is quite useful in the long-range sense, preparing a student to be independent of short-range market demands. Some PPE majors go into academic careers, but many other vocations are possible. PPE is one of the best majors for doing well on the LSAT exam, being admitted to law school, and succeeding in the legal profession. A little known fact is that an exceptionally high percentage of PPE students who apply to medical school are admitted. Philosophically educated students also do well in such fields as management and personnel, investments, government and foreign service, and journalism. Those having skills in mathematics and logic may find employment in the computer industry. Because of the wide variety of fields to which PPE pertains, it is impossible to cite a salary range. Much depends on individual qualifications; generally, the better the credentials (grades, total number of credits, electives chosen, impression in interview, etc.), the better the job.

PLACEMENT:

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Center for Career Management, Simmons Hall 301, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field. The Arts & Sciences College also has available a Careers Program Office to assist with internships, co-op placements, and employment opportunities. The Careers Program Office is located in Olin 325, (330)972-5714 or careersprogram@uakron.edu.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

A student should apply to the college upon completion of 30 credits and a 2.0 or better overall GPA (including transfer work). In addition, the student must have achieved a 2.0 in all coursework in the major field (including transfer work). The 30 credits must include the completion of both required English Composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics which meets the General Education requirement. This transfer process is completed through an appointment with an academic adviser, the Academic Advisement Center, Simmons Hall 205, (330) 972-7430, or Summit College, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the college in which you reside.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the first and second year of a foreign language or sign language (most majors), and 47 credits of 300/400 level courses, not including workshops or General Education courses. Consult your major department for any possible exceptions or problems.

INTERNSHIP AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Internship courses are available which provide students the opportunity for practical experience in the career applications of philosophical studies. Contact the Philosophy Department in Olin 235 or the A&S Careers Program Office in Olin 325 for an Internship Application form. Co-op is available on an optional basis in this academic program. To obtain additional information on program benefits, eligibility requirements or to apply for the program, contact the Co-op staff in Simmons Hall 301, (330) 972-6722. Or contact the A&S Careers Program Office in Olin 325, (330)972-5714 or careersprogram@uakron.edu.

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