

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND LAW CERTIFICATE

The Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPL, pronounced "People") certificate provides students with the opportunity to learn about the philosophical foundations, history, and social practice of human rights and liberties in modern democracies. Students are expected to gain a deep understanding of how our legal and political institutions have functioned in the past, how they currently function, and how they ought to function, as well as how citizens might play a meaningful role in them.

While philosophical analysis focuses on what constitutes legitimate political authority and its exercise over individual behavior, one also needs to understand how human social and political life actually works.

Conversely, one's grasp of political, legal, and social behavior is greatly enriched by a conceptual and foundational perspective on the norms of behavior. Political Science, philosophy, and other disciplines such as history, sociology, or economics are thus perfectly complementary when it comes to advancing one's understanding of our legal and political institutions.

Students who successfully complete the PPL certificate will gain substantial knowledge of democratic political ideas, practices, and institutions from multiple disciplines as well as solid skills in reading, writing, oral communication, and analytic thinking. This is a useful background for students planning to pursue graduate degrees in law, philosophy, political science, or history. It is also a good springboard for careers in business, public service, international affairs, journalism, and teaching.

The PPL certificate requires students to take a total of 27 credits (9 courses), including 9 credits (3 courses) in philosophy, 9 credits (3 courses) in political science, and 9 credits (3 courses) in either history, sociology, or economics. In philosophy and political science, it is required that at least 1 course (3 credits) be upper-division in each discipline. The certificate will be easy to complete for students who decide to major or minor in either philosophy or political science, or both.

Courses taken to fulfill the PPL certificate also satisfy a wide range of general education requirements, including E, H, S, X and Y.

To stay in the program, students must maintain an overall G.P.A. of 3.0. All courses chosen for the certificate must be completed with a grade of C or better.

The certificate is jointly administered by the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Political Science, and the Pre-Law Program. Primary contacts are Prof. Soazig Le Bihan (soazig.lebihan@umontana.edu) and Prof. Ramona Grey (ramona.grey@umontana.edu), Chair of the Political Science Department.

Students interested in pursuing the PPL certificate must receive formal approval from one of the primary contacts listed above.

Post-Secondary Certificate - Philosophy, Politics, and Law Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	Philosophy	9
	Political Science	9
	History, Sociology, and Economics	9
Total Hours		27

Degree Specifics: 27

Required Cumulative GPA: 3.0

Philosophy

Rule: At least one of the course taken must be upper-division (300-level or above).

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following core ethics courses:		9
PHL 110E	Introduction to Ethics	
PHL 112E	Intro Ethics and Environment	
PHL 114E	Intro to Political Ethics	
PHL 210E	Moral Philosophy	
PHL 233	Intro to Logic: Deduction	
PHL 316	Historical Figures in Phil	
PHL 317E	Law and Morality	
PHL 323	Ethics of Climate Change	
PHL 449	History of Moral and Political Philosophy	
PHL 450	Contemporary Moral/Political Theory	
PHL 502	Topics in Value Theory	
Total Hours		9

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Political Science

Rule: At least one of the course taken must be upper-division (300-level or above).

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following courses:		9
PSCI 210S	Intro to American Government	
PSCI 220S	Intro to Comparative Government	
PSCI 230X	Intro to International Relations	
PSCI 250E	Intro to Political Theory	
PSCI 320	Experimental Offering: Comparative Politics	
PSCI 332	Global Environmental Politics	
PSCI 345	American Political System	
PSCI 352Y	American Political Thought	
PSCI 370	Courts and Judicial Politics	
PSCI 381	State Formation	
PSCI 433	International Law & Organization	
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements	

PSCI 452	Utopianism and its Critics	
PSCI 453	Modern Political Theory	
PSCI 471	American Constitutional Law	
PSCI 474	Civil Rights	
Total Hours		9

Minimum Required Grade: C-

History, Sociology, and Economics

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following courses:		
AAST 141H	Black: From Africa to Hip-Hop	9
ECNS 217	Issues in Economic Development	
ECNS 310	Introduction to Health Economics	
ECNS 312	Labor Economics	
ECNS 313	Money and Banking	
ECNS 320	Public Finance	
ECNS 405	Game Theory	
ECNS 406	Industrial Organization	
ECNS 433	Economics of the Environment	
HSTA 101H	American History I	
HSTA 102H	American History II	
HSTA 103H	Honors American History I	
HSTA 104H	Honors American History II	
HSTA 315	Early American Republic	
HSTA 320	Birth of Modern US	
HSTA 321	America in Crisis	
HSTA 322	U.S. History: WWII to Present	
HSTA 323	U.S. in the 1950s	
HSTA 324	U.S. in the 1960s	
HSTA 342H	African American History to 1865	
HSTA 344	African-American Struggle for Equality	
HSTA 361	The American South	
HSTA 370H	Women in America: Colonial Period to Civil War	
HSTA 371H	Women in America: From the Civil War to the Present	
HSTA 377	Alcohol in American History	
HSTA 380	American Constitutional History	
HSTA 382	History of American Law	
HSTA 415	The Black Radical Tradition	
HSTA 417	Prayer & Civil Rights	
HSTR 101H	Western Civilization I	
HSTR 102H	Western Civilization II	
HSTR 103H	Honors Western Civilization I	
HSTR 104H	Honors Western Civilization II	
HSTR 272E	Terrorism: Violence in the Modern World	
SOCI 211S	Introduction to Criminology	
SOCI 220S	Race, Gender & Class	
SOCI 221	Criminal Justice System	
SOCI 325	Social Stratification	
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family	

SOCI 345	Sociology of Organizations	
SOCI 355	Population and Society	
SOCI 382	Sociology, Psychology, and Social Structure	
SOCI 422	Sociology of Punishment	
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections	
SOCI 438	Seminar in Crime & Deviance	
SOCI 440	Deviant and Criminal Behavior	
SOCI 441	Capstone: Inequality and Social Justice	
SOCI 443	Sociology of Poverty	
SOCI 446	Prostitution & Human Trafficking	
SOCI 455	Classical Sociological Theory	
SOCI 485	Political Sociology	

Total Hours **9**

Minimum Required Grade: C-