

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND LAW

This interdisciplinary major combines, in a systematic and structured way, basic education in philosophy, political theory, and elements of law. It may be of particular interest to students contemplating post-graduate work in law, those interested in a career in public service or politics, and those attracted by the rigor of philosophy and its attention to foundational issues who are also interested in politics and law.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One lower-division course in philosophy, politics, or law. Examples include:

- Moral Dilemmas in the Legal Domain
- Law and Society
- Ideas on Trial

One course in each of the following two areas:

- Logic
- Philosophy of Law

Two upper-division electives chosen from two out of the three categories:

- Moral & Political Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- Systematic Areas of Philosophy

One course in each of the following three areas:

- Constitutional Politics
- Comparative or International Politics and Law
- Politics, Law, and Public Policy

One Gould School of Law course:

- Concepts in American Law

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics: The mission of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics is to motivate students to become active in the world of politics and to encourage public officials to participate in the daily life of USC. The Unruh Research in Applied Politics Program supports research that addresses political topics of concern to the polity.

Philosophy Club: Students from any major with an interest in philosophy can join this club. Meetings include guest speakers and discussions on many different philosophical topics.

Honors Program: Ideal for students planning to continue their studies at the graduate level or those looking for a more intensive course of study, the Honors program requires a capstone seminar and completion of a senior thesis. Students must also earn a 3.5 GPA or higher in their upper-division Philosophy courses.