

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS

This demanding major trains students in political economy, grounding their study in the historical, conceptual, and moral foundations of our shared political and economic lives. Interdisciplinary study allows students to trace interconnections between political, economic, and legal issues within a range of broader humanistic concerns. It also fosters the development of logical, quantitative, and analytic skills needed for clear thinking and effective communication, leaving students with a wide range of options for more specialized study or careers in law, politics, or economics.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One lower-division course. Examples include:

- Free People, Free Thought, and Free Markets
- Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice
- Law, Politics, and Public Policy

One course in each of the following areas:

- Logic
- Philosophy of Economics, Political, or Legal Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- Moral Philosophy
- Upper-division Economics

One Philosophy gateway course. Examples include:

- Epistemology and Metaphysics
- Origins of Free Market Thought in Early Modern Europe
- Philosophy of Mind and Language

Two courses in each of the following two areas:

- Upper-division Political Science
- Economics

One capstone course:

- Topics in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

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 GPA of 3.5 or higher in their upper-division Philosophy courses.