LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
DAVID H. KELLOGG CENTER FOR
PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS
VIRGINIA TECH

PPE

Management & Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Studying PPE, whether as a major or minor, offers significant benefits for management students by providing a comprehensive understanding of the ethical, political, and economic contexts in which businesses operate. PPE's interdisciplinary approach enhances students' ability to make informed decisions, lead ethically, and navigate complex regulatory environments.

Enhanced Decision-Making and Strategy

PPE offers a strong foundation in understanding markets, incentives, and resource allocation, all crucial for strategic planning and effective decision-making in management.

Broader Perspective on Business Issues

PPE equips students to comprehend complex societal and economic systems, which helps to navigate the broader context of business, including its societal and political impacts.

Ethics and Corporate Responsibility

PPE's courses in ethics and political philosophy relate to corporate governance and social responsibility, fostering a strong moral compass essential in today's business world.

Political Environment and Business Regulation

PPE addresses government roles and policymaking crucial for understanding the external business environment. This knowledge helps anticipate regulatory constraints that impact corporate strategy.

Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills

PPE allows students to develop critical thinking and analytical skills that are highly valuable for problem-solving and decision-making in management.

MAJOR

PPE

MINOR

The PPE major allows students to study systematically some of the most important social, ethical, economic, and political problems that our contemporary societies face. It offers a highly interdisciplinary curriculum with distinct learning outcomes centered on an undergraduate research project.

The PPE major is structured around four central integration courses and an optional internship course:

PPE 1004: Introduction to PPE (FYE Course)
Introduces students to important classic and contemporary texts in PPE. In addition, the course acquaints students with basic principles of research and writing.

PPE 2894: PPE Gateway Course
Integrates the quantitative techniques, conceptual tools, and core principles of philosophy, political science, and economics.

PPE 3884: PPE Topics Course
Allows students to discuss an interdisciplinary topic in PPE in depth, taught by experts in the field.

PPE 4884: PPE Capstone Course
Allows students to work on an advanced research project of their choice at the intersection of philosophy, politics, and economics and its application to the real world.

Careers

Business Administration
Strategy Consulting
Management Consulting
Marketing
Investment Banking
Finance
Industry
Law
Public Administration
Goverment
Political Consulting
International Affairs
Public Policy
Think Tanks

The PPE minor trains students to apply knowledge in the humanities and social sciences to related fields, and thus to examine the world from multiple perspectives and integrate knowledge across disciplines.

The PPE minor requires 18 credit hours to be obtained from the PPE Gateway Course, the PPE Capstone Course, and four elective courses that include courses in business. The PPE minor is an approved as a Pathways minor at Virginia Tech.