

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY, AND ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Science

A politics, philosophy, and economics degree for the interdisciplinary thinker

The politics, philosophy, and economics (PPE) major provides students with rigorous intellectual training in three of the most important approaches to understanding the world around us: political science, economics, and philosophy. Our Experiential Liberal Arts educational model will prepare you to tackle demanding social, economic, political, and moral problems through interdisciplinary coursework, hands-on research opportunities, innovative global experiences, and service-learning. By making connections across disciplines, the PPE major will equip you with the analytical skills and multiple perspectives to be a future leader in business, politics, economics, law, and a variety of other fields.

Understanding an interconnected world

Tailor Your Pathway

An interdisciplinary curriculum that allows you to tailor your pathway. The PPE program at Northeastern provides the flexibility and support to pursue areas that are relevant to your academic and career goals through a wide range of electives, extensive global opportunities, and combined majors and minors.

Experiential Learning Approach

Experiential learning will deepen your

knowledge within all three PPE disciplines. Through co-op, research, study abroad, Dialogue of Civilizations programs, service-learning, and more, students will better understand politics, philosophy, and economics as individual disciplines as well as how to make interdisciplinary connections. The rigorous curriculum prepares students for tackling complex social issues on a local and global level. Our faculty are engaged with a wide variety of research projects and will help to inspire your own original research projects as well as provide resources for various fellowship, conferences, and publishing opportunities.

Co-op Opportunities

The co-op program allows you to gain hands-on experience directly in areas of interest relating to PPE. Students can choose to work around the country and even around the world to refine their global mindsets and experience new cultures and lifestyles while gaining valuable professional experience. Previous co-op placements include:

- Ropes and Gray law office
- Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General
- International Institute of Counter Terrorism
- Health Law Advocates
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
- Cetrulo LLP
- European Public Law Organization
- Amnesty International
- U.S. Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Wellington Management Company
- MassDOT Office of Communications
- Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations



Featured Courses

- Economic Justice
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Principles of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- International Relations
- American Government
- Comparative Politics
- Environmental Economics
- International Food Policy
- Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice
- Philosophy of Race

Learn about PPE combined major degrees at cssh.northeastern.edu/combined-majors



I chose PPE because it allows me to explore and examine the interdisciplinary connections among the three subjects. They not only complement each other, but also challenge me to think both qualitatively and quantitatively. I believe that the world needs creative minds that can draw connections across different subjects. PPE definitely prepares me for a wide range of options at post-graduate level."

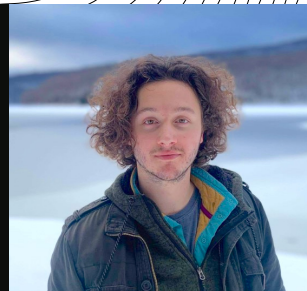
Connie Dayina E, second-year PPE major



B. Cooper *Gould '21*

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, BS

Public Policy, MA



As part of a class with Prof. Kelting on harm and aid, Cooper was able to write and submit real anti-racist curriculum for pre-schools in Boston.

MENTOR

Cooper has been a PPE Peer Mentor, and he has also served as the PPE representative on the CSSH Student Advisory Council for three years.



Cooper conducted independent research projects with the Marine Science Center, for which he received a grant, as well as in philosophy.

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N Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities

As a leader in the Experiential Liberal Arts, Northeastern's College of Social Sciences and Humanities combines experiential learning with the rigorous study of culture, society, policy, and ethics. To explore the past and shape policies for a better tomorrow, we practice humanics: the integration of traditional liberal arts capacities with quantitative tools and new digital proficiencies. In fields ranging from English and economics to philosophy, criminology and public policy, we focus on the key issues of today: how to shape public spheres, how to build resilient and sustainable communities, and how to engage with cultures past and present.

N Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.