

## **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS**

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**Degree offered:** BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

**Duration of the program:** 3 Academic Years

**Structure of the Academic Year:** 3 terms: Fall, Winter, and Spring

**Duration of the Fall Term:** 12 weeks

**Duration of the Winter Term:** 12 weeks

**Duration of the Spring Term:** 11 weeks (teaching period is 6 weeks)<sup>1</sup>

**Amount of credits required per Academic Year:** 60 ECTS

**Overall amount of required credits:** 180 ECTS

### **Program Structure**

**First Year:** Students take three introductory modules to the three disciplines: philosophy, politics and economics. In addition, they take a course on academic writing.

**Second Year:** Students choose to focus on two of the three disciplines, taking one module in each of their choices. They take an additional module comprising courses in the third discipline or courses from across CEU, allowing for a broadening of the educational experience.

**Third Year:** Students continue taking courses in their chosen disciplines, taking two modules of elective courses within the disciplines. Third year students also complete a thesis module and a module of elective courses from across various subjects. In the third year, students also have the option of studying abroad.

### **Third Year Thesis**

The aim of this module is to give students the opportunity to pursue a question, topic or subject in significant detail, within Philosophy, Politics or Economics. The question may also be one which involves overlap between two or even three of these disciplines — so there is the opportunity for serious interdisciplinary study. The seminar enables students to present their work to their colleagues and to gain feedback on it. The thesis writing class will confront students with the challenges involved in writing a thesis. At the completion of this module, students will have learned how to develop a sustained and detailed line or argument, or piece of research; they will have learned how to consult relevant literature and other sources; they will have learned how to prepare a long piece of systematic academic work; and

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<sup>1</sup> Assignments may be due within two weeks of the end of teaching time.

they will have learned how to present their work in a seminar to their fellow students. The thesis should be between 4,500 and 6,000 words.

## Program Modules

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program consists of modules, from which students are required to draw their courses over the course of the four-year program. Modules are completed successfully once students have passed the compulsory and elective courses in the module.

The Modules in the PPE Program are:

Module	Description
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> 20 Credits	The aim of this module is to introduce students to the core areas of philosophy: ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, logic, and to some of the ideas of Plato and Aristotle, central figures in the history of the Western tradition.
<i>Introduction to Politics</i> 20 Credits	The aim of this module is to introduce students to the foundations of the study of the main areas of politics: comparative politics, political economy, and political theory, and familiarize them with some of the central problems and approaches in these fields.
<i>Introduction to Economics</i> 16 Credits	The aim of this module is to introduce the students to the foundations of economic thought. Students will be exposed to the basics of microeconomic and macroeconomic theory as well as teachings of premier schools of economic thought and some eminent economists.
<i>Academic Writing</i> 4 Credits	The aim of this module is to increase students' agency as writers by acquiring both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to produce texts for the interdisciplinary academic discourses.
<i>Core Topics Module: Philosophy</i> 20 Credits	The aim of this module is to deepen and broaden students' understanding of philosophy and to present philosophical ideas in a historical context. Students will learn about the central themes of early modern philosophy; within this historical framework, further courses will outline the problems of mind and science. Students' understanding of normative philosophy is developed by studying its practical applications.
<i>Core Topics Module: Politics</i> 20 Credits	The aim of this module is to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the central problems in comparative politics, political economy, and political theory. They will be introduced to the different approaches and schools of thought to these problems, and to acquire a basic understanding of the different methods of studying them.
<i>Core Topics Module: Economics</i> 20 Credits	The aim of this module is to introduce the students to the foundations of the quantitative side of economic theory and to the work with data. Students will be exposed to the basics of algebra, and differential calculus as well the basics of probability theory, and foundations of statistics. In addition, basics of regression analysis, times series analysis and panel data analysis will be presented. Importantly students will obtain an introduction to the usage of econometric software.

<i>Second Year Optional Courses Module</i> 20 Credits	Students take a number of courses either from other parts of the PPE syllabus, or from the other BA programs at CEU.
<i>Advanced Topics Module: Philosophy</i> 16 Credits	The aim of this module is to give students the opportunity to range more widely in their philosophical studies, by choosing five courses in the theoretical, normative and the historical areas of the subject.
<i>Advanced Topics Module: Politics</i> 16 Credits	The aim of this module is to provide students who choose to specialize in politics with a deepened understanding and knowledge of some selected problems in the areas of comparative politics, political economy, political theory and international relations.
<i>Advanced Topics Module: Economics</i> 16 Credits	The aim of this module is to introduce the students to the variety of sub-disciplines inside economics, at an advanced level.
<i>Third Year Optional Courses Module</i> 12 Credits	Students take a number of courses either from other parts of the PPE syllabus, or from the other BA programs at CEU.
<i>BA Thesis Module</i> 16 Credits	This module is compulsory for all students. As well as the 6 credits for the thesis itself, all students are required to take the thesis seminar (1 credit) in which students present their thesis work, and classes on thesis writing organized by the Center for Academic Writing (1 credit).
<i>Study Abroad Module</i> 24 Credits	All students will have the option to apply to study at a university outside Austria for fall term. Students studying abroad will work with their Academic Advisor to make individual plans regarding credit and module distribution in line with their chosen subjects and time abroad.

Click here to enter text. Students must choose two of the three Core Topics Modules. These are the two disciplines in which students will focus in their second and third years.

## Yearly Curriculum Plan

	YEAR 1			
Modules	Fall term	Winter term	Spring term	Credit
Philosophy	Introduction to Philosophy (10)	Introduction to philosophy (6)	Introduction to philosophy (4)	20
Politics	Introduction to Politics (4)	Introduction to Politics (8)	Introduction to Politics (8)	20
Economics	Introduction to Economics (8)	Introduction to Economics (8)		16
-	Introduction to Academic Writing (4)			4
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60</b>

	YEAR 2			
Modules	Fall term	Winter term	Spring term	Credits
Core Topics Module	Minimum 20 credits (Maximum 28 credits – if a student would like to take more than 24 credits, they need to discuss this with the Academic Advisor)	Minimum 20 credits (Maximum 28 credits – if a student would like to take more than 24 credits, they need to discuss this with the Academic Advisor)	(Maximum 16 credits)	20
Core Topics Module				20
Optional Courses Module				20
<b>Total credits</b>				<b>60</b>

	YEAR 3			
Modules	Fall term	Winter term	Spring term	Credits
Thesis Module		Thesis Seminar (2) Thesis writing workshop (2)	Students write their theses (12)	16
Advanced Topics Module	8 credits of advanced courses in first choice subject	8 credits of advanced courses in first choice subject		16
Advanced Topics Module	8 credits of advanced courses in second choice subject	8 credits of advanced courses in second choice subject		16
Optional Courses Module 2	8 credits of optional courses	4 credits of optional courses		12
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60</b>

## Credit Requirements

YEAR 1	Introduction to Philosophy	Students must take 20 credits over the course of their first year. (All courses are mandatory.)
	Introduction to Politics	Students must take 20 credits over the course of their first year. (All courses are mandatory.)
	Introduction to Economics	Students must take 16 credits over the course of their first year. (All courses are mandatory.)
YEAR 2	Core Topics in Philosophy	Students must take at least 20 credits in their second year (12 of which need to come from the mandatory classes) if Philosophy is one of their chosen disciplines. All courses are elective for students who did not take Philosophy as their chosen discipline.
	Core Topics in Politics	Students must take at least 20 credits in their second year (12 of which need to come from the mandatory classes) if Politics is one of their chosen disciplines. All courses are elective for students who did not take Politics as their chosen discipline.
	Core Topics in Economics	Students must take at least 20 credits in their second year (12 of which need to come from the mandatory classes) if Economics is one of their chosen disciplines. All courses are elective for students who did not take Economics as their chosen discipline.
	Optional Courses Module	The following courses count towards the Optional module: - courses taken from other BA programs, - courses taken from the discipline the student did not choose, - elective courses taken from the student's chosen disciplines once the required 20 credits are completed. All courses are elective.

## Annex 1.

### Courses Offered to PPE Students in 2021/2022

YEAR	TERM	MODULE	MANDATORY OR ELECTIVE	TITLE	CREDIT	PREREQUISITES
1	Fall	Introduction to Philosophy	Mandatory	Knowledge and Reality	3	
1	Fall	Introduction to Philosophy	Mandatory	Critical Reasoning	2	
1	Fall	Introduction to Politics	Mandatory	Introduction to Comparative Politics: History, Topics, and Methods	2	
1	Fall	Introduction to Economics	Mandatory	Principles of Microeconomics	4	
1	Fall	-	Mandatory Elective	Introduction to Academic Writing	2	
1	W	Introduction to Philosophy	Mandatory	Ethics	3	
1	W	Introduction to Politics	Mandatory	Introduction to Comparative Methodology	2	
1	W	Introduction to Politics	Mandatory	Political Concepts and Ideologies	2	
1	W	Introduction to Economics	Mandatory	Principles of Macroeconomics	4	
1	S	Introduction to Philosophy	Mandatory	History of Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle	2	
1	S	Introduction to Politics	Mandatory	Introduction to Political Institutions	2	
1	S	Introduction to Politics	Mandatory Elective	Introduction to Political Economy: Interests, Institutions and Ideas	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Philosophy	Mandatory Elective	Descartes and his successors	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Philosophy	Mandatory Elective	Logic	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Philosophy	Elective	Philosophy of Social Science	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Politics	Mandatory Elective	Nations and Society	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Politics	Elective	Ruling the World: International Orders in Theory and Practice	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Politics	Elective	Central and Eastern Europe and the EU	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Politics	Elective	Global Politics of China	2	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Economics	Mandatory Elective	Introduction to Mathematics	3	
2	Fall	Core Topics in Economics	Elective	Economics of Inequality	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Philosophy	Mandatory Elective	Kant and his Predecessors	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Philosophy	Elective	Applied Ethics	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Philosophy	Elective	Philosophy of Art	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Politics	Mandatory Elective	Political Economy: Rational Choice and Collective Action	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Politics	Mandatory Elective	Political Philosophy in the 17th and 19th century	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Politics	Elective	Environmental Politics and Environmental Policies	2	
2	Winter	Core Topics in Economics	Mandatory Elective	Introduction to Statistics	3	Introduction to Mathematics
2	Winter	Core Topics in Economics	Elective	Social Policy and Labour Markets	2	
2	Spring	Core Topics in Philosophy	Elective	Philosophy of Mind	2	
2	Spring	Core Topics in Politics	Elective	Voting Behavior	2	
2	Spring	Core Topics in Economics	Elective	Introduction to Econometrics	2	Introduction to Mathematics
2	Spring	Core Topics in Economics	Elective	Behavioral Economics	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Group identity and Prejudice	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Anthropology and the History of Capitalism	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS/QSS)	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Robots, Artificial Intelligence, and Genres of the Human	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Social Justice and Human Rights: A Multidisciplinary Take	2	
2	Fall	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	A History of the World Since 1300	3	
2	Winter	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Premodern Empires – Structures and Ideologies	2	
2	Winter	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Economics for non-economists	2	
2	Winter	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	Cultures of Quantification	2	
2	Winter	Optional Courses Module	Elective (from CPS)	History of Film	2	