

Political Economy Certificate

Overview

The Department of Economics and the Department of Political Science jointly offer the **Certificate in Political Economy**.

The 24-credit Political Economy certificate enables undergraduate students to study more intensely the relationship between the political and economic spheres of society. The program is based on the belief that a focused examination of this relationship provides a better understanding of several social phenomena. Chief among these is a better understanding of public policy and the policy making process, as well as how government actions affect the process of economic change and vice versa.

The program is open to all matriculated undergraduate students. It is not restricted to Economics or Political Science majors. The Political Economy program provides an excellent preparation for graduate study in not just economics and political science but also in public policy, law and business.

Certificates are awarded only at the time of completion of the bachelor's degree and cannot be awarded either as a stand-alone program of study or after completion of the first bachelor's degree.

Campus Locations: Main and Japan

Program Code: LA-POLE-CERT

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Requirements

The program consists of two components: required core courses at the lower-division level and elective courses at the upper-division level.

Core Courses

All students must take the following core courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ECON 1101 or ECON 1901	Macroeconomic Principles Honors Macroeconomic Principles	3
ECON 1102 or ECON 1902	Microeconomic Principles Honors Microeconomic Principles	3
POLS 1101 or POLS 1911	The American Political System Honors Introduction to American Politics	3
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 1201 or POLS 1921	Foreign Governments and Politics Honors Foreign Governments and Politics	
POLS 1301 or POLS 1931	International Politics Honors International Politics	

Elective Courses

All students must successfully complete (grade of C- or better) four courses from the following list. Two of the four courses must be in economics, and two courses must be in political science. Students should select courses that correspond to their own substantive interests and are encouraged to take cognate areas (e.g., if you choose international politics courses, also choose international economics courses). Students should plan their schedules well in advance, since some courses are not offered each semester.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select two of the following:		6
ECON 3531	History of Economic Theory	
ECON 3547	Economics of Development and Growth	
ECON 3511	The Economics and Management of Privatization	
ECON 3512	Public Finance	
ECON 3513	Economics of State and Local Governments	
ECON 3563	International Trade	
ECON 3564	International Monetary Economics	
ECON 3596	Energy, Ecology, and Economy ¹	
or ECON 3506	Energy, Ecology, and Economy	
ECON 3597	Health Economics ¹	
or ECON 3507	Health Economics	
ECON 3545	Economics of Labor Markets	
ECON 3546	Women in the Economy	
ECON 3535	Public Control of Business: Antitrust	
ECON 3536	Economics of American Industry	
Select two of the following:		6
POLS 2102	American State and Local Politics	
POLS 2103	Making Public Policy	
POLS 2201	Comparative Politics: Developing Nations	
POLS 2321	Politics of the Global Economy	
POLS 2441	Democracy, Capitalism, and Socialism	
POLS 3134	The Politics of Inequality	
POLS 3151	Public Policy Analysis	
POLS 3152	U.S. Environmental Policy	
POLS 3155	Business and Public Policy	
POLS 3252	East Asia and the United States	
POLS 3265	International Environmental Policy	

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Writing Intensive courses.