

Ethics, History and Public Policy, B.A/B.S.

The Major in Ethics, History, and Public Policy

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Overview

The B.A./B.S. in Ethics, History, and Public Policy (EHPP) is an interdepartmental major offered jointly by the Departments of History (<http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/schools-colleges/dietrichcollegeofhumanitiesandsocialsciences/departmentofhistory/>) and Philosophy (<http://coursecatalog.web.cmu.edu/schools-colleges/dietrichcollegeofhumanitiesandsocialsciences/departmentofphilosophy/>).

Preparing students to be leaders is a vital goal of colleges and universities in every democratic society. The intellectual challenges facing public and private sector leaders have expanded dramatically since the pioneering EHPP program began in 1996, but the need remains as great as ever for broadly educated, ethically sensitive, and technically skilled leaders.

EHPP prepares students to demonstrate sophistication and flexibility in their command of interdisciplinary knowledge; deep historical understanding of how modern-day policy problems have emerged and evolved; and clear, rational criteria for ethical and socially just decision making. The curriculum provides students with a strong humanistic foundation for developing such high-level, historically grounded, and ethically attuned leadership capacities. It also offers ample room for specialization in a wide range of policy areas in which the History and Philosophy departments have special expertise, e.g., medicine and public health, criminal justice, environment, technology, artificial intelligence (AI), gender, civil rights, immigration, and education.

Ethics, History, and Public Policy may be elected as a **primary** or an **additional** major; the requirements for each are the same.

Curriculum

Students seeking a primary major in Ethics, History, and Public Policy may elect to receive either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree (additional requirements apply; see below). Basic requirements include 120 units encompassing 45 units in History, 45 units in Philosophy, 18 units in Law and Social Science, and a 12-unit EHPP Capstone Course. This program may also be taken as an additional (i.e., second) major. All courses toward the major must be taken for a letter grade and must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. Students can double count any course for the major with another major or minor, with the exception of History, for which a student can double count a maximum of two courses.

The Major in Ethics, History, and Public Policy 120 units

I. Foundation Courses in History and Philosophy 18 units

Choose one of the following three courses:

	Units
79-189 Democracy and History: Thinking Beyond the Self	9
79-248 U.S. Constitution & the Presidency	9
79-250 Voting Rights: An Introduction	9

Choose one of the following two courses:

80-130 Introduction to Ethics	9
80-330 Ethical Theory	9

II. Ethics and Policy Core 36 units

Choose four of the courses below:

No more than one course may be taken at the 100 level and at least one course must be taken at the 300 level or above.

80-135 Introduction to Political Philosophy	9
80-136 Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9
80-208 Against the Algorithm: Critical Thinking as a Way of Life	9
80-221 Philosophy of Social Science	9
80-234 Philosophy of Race and Gender	9
80-244 Environmental Ethics	9
80-245 Medical Ethics	9
80-249 AI, Society, and Humanity	9
80-305 Game Theory	9
80-306 Decision Theory	9
80-324 Philosophy of Economics	9
80-335 Social and Political Philosophy	9
80-336 Philosophy of Law	9
80-348 Health, Human Rights, and International Development	9
80-447 Seminar in Global Justice	9

III. History and Policy Core 36 units

Choose four of the courses below:

79-145 Genocide and Weapons of Mass Destruction	9
79-175 Moneyball Nation: Data in American Life	9
79-178 Equality Under the Law	9
79-212 Jim Crow America	9
79-213 The American Railroad: Decline and Renaissance in the Age of Deregulation	6
79-215 Environmental Justice from Conservation to Climate Change	9
79-230 The Arab-Israeli Conflict and Peace Process Through 1948 to Present	9
79-234 Technology and Society	9
79-245 Capitalism and Individualism in American Culture	9
79-246 War, Genocide, and Gender in Modern Europe	9
79-260 Nazi Germany: A Practical History	9
79-270 Anti-Semitism Then and Now: Perspectives from the Middle Ages to the Present	9
79-278 How (Not) to Change the World	9
79-289 Animal Planet: An Environmental History of People and Animals	9
79-290 The Slave Passage: From West Africa to the Americas	9
79-296 Religion in American Politics	6
79-300 History of U.S. Immigration Policy	9
79-302 Killer Robots? The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Drones and A.I. in War	9
79-320 Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-321 Documenting Human Rights	9
79-329 Introduction to Queer Studies	9
79-330 Medicine and Society: Health, Healers, and Hospitals	9
79-331 Body Politics: Women and Health in America	9
79-343 Education, Democracy, and the Arts	9
79-355 Fake News: "Truth" in the History of American Journalism	6
79-360 Crime, Policing, and the Law: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	9
79-380 Hostile Environments: The Politics of Pollution in Global Perspective	9

IV. Foundation Courses in Law and Social Science 18 units

Choose two of the courses below:

17-200	Ethics and Policy Issues in Computing	9
19-101	Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy	12
66-226	Law and Literature	9
70-332	Business, Society and Ethics	9
73-102	Principles of Microeconomics	9
73-103	Principles of Macroeconomics	9
84-104	Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-110	The Economics of Politics and Technology	9
84-352	Representation and Voting Rights	9
84-393	The US Congress: Legislative Progress or Paralysis?	9
84-402	Judicial Politics and Behavior	9
88-281	Topics in Law: 1st Amendment	9
88-284	Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights	9

EHPP students will also be able to complete the Foundations of Law and Social Science category by participating in the Washington Semester Program. Furthermore, students are encouraged to pursue additional policy-relevant courses in law and social science, along lines consistent with their career ambitions; these additional courses may count towards the category, with permission from the Director of EHPP.

V. EHPP Capstone Course 12 units

In Fall semester of senior year, EHPP students will participate in an interdisciplinary capstone course that asks students to integrate their studies in Ethics and History by addressing a policy topic of contemporary national urgency (e.g., climate change, immigration, infrastructure, abortion, hate speech, reparations, law enforcement and policing, charter schools, affirmative action, vaccination, taxation, voting rights, global justice). The Departments of History and Philosophy will alternate teaching the EHPP Capstone Course.

79-449	EHPP Capstone Course [cross-listed]	12
80-449	EHPP Capstone Course [cross-listed]	12

VI. Bachelor of Science Option

Students may elect to earn a Bachelor of Science rather than a Bachelor of Arts degree by completing two courses from the list below, or by petitioning the Director of EHPP to accept equivalent courses as substitutions.

36-202	Methods for Statistics & Data Science	9
or 70-208	Regression Analysis	
36-303	Sampling, Survey and Society	9
36-309	Experimental Design for Behavioral & Social Sciences	9
70-257	Optimization for Business	9
80-305	Game Theory	9
80-306	Decision Theory	9
88-221	Markets, Democracy, and Public Policy	9
88-223	Decision Analysis	12
88-251	Empirical Research Methods	9
88-300	Programming and Data Analysis for Social Scientists	9

Sample Curriculum

Third-Year		Fourth-Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Foundations Course in History	Foundations Course in Law and Social Sciences	EHPP Capstone Course	Ethics and Policy Core Course
Foundations Course in Philosophy	Foundations Course in Law and Social Sciences	Ethics and Policy Core Course	History and Policy Core Course
Ethics and Policy Core Course	Ethics and Policy Core Course	History and Policy Core Course	Third Course (open)
History and Policy Core Course	History and Policy Core Course	Fourth Course (open)	Fourth Course (open)
Fifth Course Open	Fifth Course (open)	Fifth Course (open)	Fifth Course (open)

The above sample program is presented as a two-year (junior-senior year) plan for completing EHPP major requirements. Its purpose is to show that this program can be completed in as few as two years; not that it must be.

Students may enter the EHPP major, and begin major course requirements, as early as the second semester of their first year. Students should consult their advisor when planning their program.

VII. Additional Major

The B.A./B.S. in Ethics, History, and Public Policy may be scheduled as an additional major in consultation with the Academic Advisor, Beth Jameson. All requirements for the additional major are the same.