Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (PPE):

• Internationally acclaimed qualification offered by major universities: Oxford (3rd largest undergraduate program) & Yale

• Program begun at U of R Fall 2015

• A combined major:
  • 3 specializations in 1 degree!
PPE in the News:
“Monday, 13 April 2015 was a typical day in modern British politics. An Oxford University graduate in philosophy, politics and economics (PPE), Ed Miliband, launched the Labour party’s general election manifesto. It was examined by the BBC’s political editor, Oxford PPE graduate Nick Robinson, by the BBC’s economics editor, Oxford PPE graduate Robert Peston, and by the director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Oxford PPE graduate Paul Johnson. It was criticised by the prime minister, Oxford PPE graduate David Cameron. It was defended by the Labour shadow chancellor, Oxford PPE graduate Ed Balls.”
PPE in the News:
Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai: “Malala will be studying “Philosophy, Politics and, Economics” (PPE) at Oxford—a degree that has gone on to produce three British prime ministers, three Pakistani prime ministers, and three prime ministers from Australia, as well as other world leaders from Thailand, Ghana, and Peru.”
Source: “At 15, Malala was shot for going to school. Now she’s getting the Oxford degree that produces world leaders”, Quartz, August 17, 2017.
The Strengths of These Three Areas:

- *Philosophy*: Ethics and Wisdom
- *Politics*: Power & Institutions
- *Economics*: Wealth & Production
Why PPE?

- Flexibility & freedom
- Learn to listen, think critically, ethically & constructively
- Knowledge & skills to address today's challenges
- A PPE community within the larger university
- Practical learning with clear career paths
- Become a leader locally and globally
4-year Bachelor of Arts in PPE:

6 courses taken in each discipline +

PPE 200: Foundations of PPE +

PPE 400: PPE Capstone Seminar +

8 Remaining Arts Core Requirements +

12 elective courses
With 12 elective courses can enhance PPE with a certificate program:

- Administration (5 courses)
- Public Relations (5 courses)
- Local Government Authority (4 courses)

2 new certificates:

- Sustainability (6 courses)
- Non-profit Sector Leadership and Innovation (5 courses)
Year 1 Fall Semester:
• Political Science 100
• Philosophy 150
• Economics 100
• Faculty of Arts Course (e.g. English 100)
• Faculty of Arts Course

Year 1 Winter Semester:
• Philosophy 100
• Political Science 230 or 210/220/240
• Economics 201 or 202
• Faculty of Arts Course
• Faculty of Arts Course

*Possible 1st Year Bundle: Consult U of R Academic Calendar
PPE 200: Foundations of PPE
- Next Offered January 2018
- Enrollment doubled since 1st offering
- Team-Taught: 1 Prof. from each discipline
- Real-World Issues & Assignments:
  - Trump Presidency, Environment, End of Life Care, Voting, Refugee Crisis, Robotic Automation, Bitcoin

PPE 400: Capstone Seminar
- Being Offered September 2017
- PPE 200 a prerequisite
Innovative Features of PPE:

- Notification of course options
- $1000 prize to top research paper in PPE 200
- PPE students invited to additional university academic events
  - Panel on SaskTel privatization (Fall 2016)
  - Panel on Trade in the age of Brexit and Donald Trump (Feb. 2017)
- Networking and social events
PPE Outreach:

- PPE social media campaign by Faculty of Arts (Facebook, Instagram, Google)
- PPE promotion through Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association at Summer Debate Camps
- PPE Conference, UBC Okanagan Campus (June 2018)
Student Feedback

‘It can help you understand the world around you.’

‘It changes the way you see the world.’

‘Recognize that the jobs that are out there are not in any one discipline, but when you can bring all three of them together.’

‘PPE is a toolkit for solving the world’s problems’
Where can PPE take you?

To a great job:

• Banking and finance, industry, business management, advertising, teaching, politics

• Careers in the public sector including the Crown corporations

• Management consulting, social work, journalism, law
Where can PPE take you?

To graduate school:

• Economics, Philosophy, Political Science

• Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Policy

• Master of Arts in Social and Political Thought

• Law, MBA
PPE Discipline Performance Ranking on Exams:

**Graduate School Entrance Exam (GRE):** Philosophy (1\textsuperscript{st}), Political Science (3\textsuperscript{rd}), Economics (5\textsuperscript{th}) of 32 Disciplines

- Mean GRE composite score by discipline (Aug. 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014)

**Law School Admissions Test (LSAT):** Philosophy (1\textsuperscript{st}), Economics (2\textsuperscript{nd}), Political Science (7\textsuperscript{th})

- 2014 data ranked by disciplines with over 1000 students in discipline taking exam

**Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT),** e.g., for MBAs: Philosophy (4\textsuperscript{th}), Economics (5\textsuperscript{th}), Political Science (12\textsuperscript{th}) of 31 disciplines

- Mean GMAT scores by major (2007 to 2012)
Questions?

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