

## Term Information

Effective Term Summer 2018

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Philosophy  
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Philosophy - D0575  
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences  
Level/Career Undergraduate  
Course Number/Catalog 3001  
Course Title Economy, Polity, and Community  
Transcript Abbreviation PPE CORE 1  
Course Description Examines how different ways of thinking about human nature shape our understanding of philosophy, politics, and economics.  
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

## Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week, 6 Week, 4 Week  
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never  
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No  
Grading Basis Letter Grade  
Repeatable No  
Course Components Lecture  
Grade Roster Component Lecture  
Credit Available by Exam No  
Admission Condition Course No  
Off Campus Never  
Campus of Offering Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites (Econ 3400 or Intstds 3400 or Politsc 3780 or 3780H) and (Econ 5001 or Philos 2500 or 5540 or Politsc 4553 or 4553H) and Philos 3300 and (Philos 2400 or Politsc 2400 or 2400H) and (Econ 2001.XX or 2002.03H or 2002.01 or 2002.03H) and (Politsc 4280 or 4380).  
Exclusions Not open to students with credit for Economics 3001 or Political Science 3001  
Electronically Enforced Yes

## Cross-Listings

Cross-Listings Cross-listed in Economics and Political Science

## Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 38.0101  
Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course  
Intended Rank Sophomore, Junior, Senior

## Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

## Course Details

### Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Students will be able to distinguish between and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of economic, political, and communitarian conceptions of human nature.

### Content Topic List

- Market freedom
- The capabilities approach
- Inequality and social trust
- Social inequality and identity
- Benefits of markets
- Moral limits of markets
- Paternalism
- Sufficiency, luck egalitarianism and relational egalitarianism
- The work ethic and capitalism
- Property
- Obligations to non-compatriots
- Duties to compatriots

### Sought Concurrence

No

## Attachments

- Philosophy 3001 syllabus.pdf  
*(Syllabus. Owner: O'Keeffe, Susan B)*
- Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum Map.docx  
*(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: O'Keeffe, Susan B)*

## Comments

- F is not an option for a final grade. It should be changed to "E" in the syllabus. *(by Heysel, Garrett Robert on 12/18/2017 05:14 PM)*
- To be reviewed concurrently with the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) major proposal. *(by O'Keeffe, Susan B on 12/18/2017 03:07 PM)*

## Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	O'Keeffe, Susan B	12/18/2017 03:26 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	D'Arms, Edward Justin	12/18/2017 03:30 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Heysel, Garrett Robert	12/18/2017 05:14 PM	College Approval
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**Philosophy 3001**  
**Economy, Polity, and Community**  
**11:10-12:30 TTh      Fall 2019**

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### Overview

This course examines three models of human nature, each of which captures something important about social and political life, and each of which has significant blind spots. The first model sees human beings as rational actors who seek to maximize the satisfaction of their preferences. The second model sees human beings as citizens with public responsibilities that orient them toward the pursuit of the common good. The third model sees human beings as members of communities that provide an identity and a set of values that enable them to navigate the social world. We begin by asking what human well-being consists in. Next we ask whether and when markets are the best way of pursuing human well-being. We then examine how the pursuit of well-being, through markets or otherwise, should be affected by considerations of desert or luck. Finally, we ask whether we should have special concern for the well-being of our fellow citizens, and if so what duties we might have to the citizens of other countries.

### Texts

All of the required readings have been placed on e-reserve through Carmen.

### Course requirements

Assignment	Due date	Weight
Short essay (~800 words)	Submitted electronically on Canvas by midnight [month/day]	10%
Midterm	[month/day], in class	20%
Term Paper (~2000 words)	Submitted electronically on Canvas by midnight [month/day]	25%
Final Exam	[month/day/time]	25%
Participation (including attendance and class contributions)	Ongoing	20%

## **Policies and procedures**

Academic misconduct: It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: <http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc>.

Disabilities: Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 098 Baker Hall, 113 West 12th Avenue; telephone 292-3307; TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>

## **Grade scale**

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C	70-72
D+	67-69
D	60-66
F	0-59

## Weekly schedule of readings and assignments

### Weeks 1-4: Human well-being: What should we measure? What can we measure?

#### A. Freedom and flourishing

##### Week 1: Market freedom as the core value

Milton Friedman, *Capitalism and Freedom* (excerpt)  
Elizabeth Anderson, *Private Government*  
Thomas Piketty, *The Economics of Inequality* (excerpt)

##### Measuring freedom

Freedom in the World (Freedom House)  
<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/freedom-world-2015>  
Human Freedom Index (Cato) <https://www.cato.org/human-freedom-index>  
Index of Economic Freedom (Heritage) <http://www.heritage.org/index/>  
World Index of Moral Freedom <http://www.fundalib.org/en/468-2/>  
Social Mobility:  
[http://www.nytimes.com/packages/html/national/20050515\\_CLASS\\_GRAPHIC/index\\_03.html](http://www.nytimes.com/packages/html/national/20050515_CLASS_GRAPHIC/index_03.html)  
World Press Freedom Index (Reporters without Borders) [https://rsf.org/en/ranking\\_table](https://rsf.org/en/ranking_table)

##### Week 2: The capabilities approach

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom* (excerpt)  
Martha Nussbaum *Creating Capabilities* (excerpt)  
Erin Kelly, “Equal Opportunity, Unequal Capability”

##### Measuring human flourishing

GDP <https://knoema.com/nwnfkne/world-gdp-ranking-2017-gdp-by-country-data-and-charts>  
World Happiness Report <http://worldhappiness.report/ed/2017/>  
OECD Life Satisfaction index <http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/topics/life-satisfaction/>  
Happy Planet Index <http://happyplanetindex.org/>  
Environmental Performance Index <http://epi.yale.edu/>

#### B. Community, identity, and other social values

##### Week 3: Inequality and social trust

Richard Wilkinson & Kate Pickett, *The Spirit Level* (excerpt)  
Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone* (excerpt)

##### Measuring economic inequality

Inequality-adjusted Human Development Index <http://hdr.undp.org/en/composite/IHDI>  
Gini Index  
<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/reports.aspx?source=2&series=SI.POV.GINI&country>

Week 4: Social inequality and identity

Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract* (excerpt)

Kwame Anthony Appiah, *The Ethics of Identity* (excerpt)

Measuring political and social equality

Democracy Index <https://www.eiu.com/topic/democracy-index>

National Equality Index <https://soba.iamempowered.com/2017-equality-index>

**Weeks 5-8: Limits of markets?**

Week 5: Benefits of markets

Adam Smith, “Of the Division of Labor” and “Of the Natural and Market Price of Commodities”  
from *The Wealth of Nations*

Friedrich Hayek, “The Use of Knowledge in Society”

Milton Friedman, *Free to Choose* (excerpt)

Week 6: Moral limits of markets

Michael Sandel, *What Money Can't Buy* (excerpt)

Debra Satz, “Noxious Markets” (from *Why Some Things Should Not Be for Sale*)

Lauren-Brooke Eisen, *Inside Private Prisons: An American Dilemma in the Age of Mass Incarceration*  
(excerpt)

Week 7: Paternalism

Richard Thaler & Cass Sunstein, *Nudge* (excerpt)

Sarah Conly, *Against Autonomy* (excerpt)

**Week 8: MIDTERM REVIEW and EXAM**

**Weeks 9-11: Luck, effort, & the justification of inequality**

Week 9: Sufficientarianism, luck egalitarianism, and relational egalitarianism

Friedrich Hayek, *The Road to Serfdom* (excerpt)

Harry Frankfurt, “Equality as a Moral Ideal”

Ronald Dworkin, “What is Equality?”

Elizabeth Anderson, “What is the Point of Equality?”

Week 10: The work ethic and capitalism

Max Weber, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (excerpt)

Robert Nozick, Wilt Chamberlain example (from *Anarchy, State and Utopia*)

Gerald Cohen, *Self-Ownership, Freedom, Equality*, chap. 1

Robert Reich, “Work and Worth” (from *Saving Capitalism*)

Philippe Van Parijs, *Basic Income* (excerpt)

Week 11: Property

John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, chapter 5  
David Hume, “Of Justice and Property” from *Treatise of Human Nature*  
John Stuart Mill, *Principles of Political Economy* (excerpt)  
Karl Marx, *Capital* (excerpt)  
David Schmidtz, “The Institution of Property”

**Weeks 12-13: Borders and cosmopolitanism**

Week 12: Obligations to non-compatriots

Peter Singer, “Rich and Poor”  
Bryan Caplan, “Why Should We Restrict Immigration?”  
Catherine Lu, “Cosmopolitan Justice, Democracy and World Government”  
Martha Nussbaum, “Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism”

Week 13: Duties to compatriots

David Miller, *National Responsibility and Global Justice* (excerpt)  
Robert Goodin, “What Is So Special About Our Fellow Countrymen?”  
Thomas Nagel, “The Problem of Global Justice”

**Week 14: Review**

**FINAL EXAM [canonical time for classes that meet in this time slot]**



## Philosophy Undergraduate Major Curriculum Map and List of Semester Courses for Major

Required Courses	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think about, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
(prerequisite)	2500	Symbolic Logic	B			B
	3000	Gateway Seminar	B			
(two of these required)	3210	History of Ancient Philosophy		I		
	3220	History of Medieval Philosophy		I		
	3230	History of 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3240	History of 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3250	History of 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3261	Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism		I		
	3300	Moral Philosophy	I	I	I	
	3530	Philosophy of Logic	I		I	I
	3600	Introduction to Philosophy of Language	I		I	
	3650	Philosophy of Science	I		I	
	3700	Introduction to Metaphysics	I		I	
	3750	Introduction to Theory of Knowledge	I		I	
	3800	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	I		I	
	3810	Philosophy of Action	I		I	
(two of these required)	5193	Individual Studies	A	A	A	A
	5194	Group Studies	A	A	A	A
	5210	Studies in Ancient Philosophy	A	A		
	5211	Plato	A	A		
	5212	Aristotle	A	A		
	5220	Studies in Medieval Philosophy	A	A		
	5230	Studies in 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5240	Studies in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5241	Kant	A	A		
	5250	Studies in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5260	Studies in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
5261	Existentialism and Phenomenology	A	A			

	5263	American Philosophy	A	A		
	5300	Advanced Moral Philosophy	A		A	
	5310	Metaethics	A		A	
	5400	Advanced Political and Social Philosophy	A		A	
	5410	Advanced Philosophy of Law	A		A	
	5420	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory	A		A	
	5450	Advanced Aesthetic Theory	A		A	
	5460	Philosophy in Literature	A	A	A	
	5500	Advanced Symbolic Logic	A			A
	5510	Advanced Logical Theory	A			A
	5520	Inductive Logic and Probability Theory	A			A
	5530	Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics	A		A	
	5540	Theory of Rational Choice	A		A	A
	5550	Nonclassical Logic	A			A
	5600	Advanced Philosophy of Language	A		A	A
	5610	Natural Language Metaphysics	A		A	B
	5650	Advanced Philosophy of Science	A		A	
	5700	Advanced Metaphysics	A		A	
	5750	Advanced Theory of Knowledge	A		A	
	5797	Study at a Foreign Institution	A	A	A	A
	5800	Advanced Philosophy of Mind	A		A	
	5830	Advanced Philosophy of Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5840	Introduction to Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5850	Philosophy of Religion	A		A	
	5870	Topics in Jewish Philosophy	A	A	A	
	5891	Proseminar in Cognitive Science	A		A	
Elective Courses: Honors Program	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	2450H	Honors Philosophical Problems in the Arts	I		I	
	2470H	Honors Philosophy of Film	I		I	
	2900H	Freshman-Sophomore Proseminar	I	I	I	
	3341H	Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice	I	I	I	

	4900H	Junior-Senior Proseminar	A	A	A	
Elective Courses: General	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	2120	Asian Philosophies				
	2194	Group Studies				
	2340	The Future of Humanity				
	2342	Environmental Ethics				
	2400	Political and Social Philosophy				
	2450	Philosophical Problems in the Arts				
	2455	Philosophy Video Games				
	2465	Death and the Meaning of Life				
	2500	Symbolic Logic				
	2650	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science				
	2660	Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution				
	2680	Scientific Controversies				
	2850	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion				
	2860	Science and Religion				
	3001	Economy, Polity, and Community				
	3002	Tradition, Progress, and Utopia				
	3111	Introduction to Jewish Philosophy				
	3120	Engaging Time: Philosophical and Rabbinic Dimensions of Temporality				
	3260	Movements in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy				
	3262	Contemporary Continental Thought				
	3310	Morality and the Mind				
	3351	Judaism and Ethics				
	3410	Philosophical Problems in the Law				
	3420	Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender				
	3430	The Philosophy of Sex and Love				
	3440	Theorizing Race				
	3680	Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology				
	3820	Philosophy of Perception				
	3830	Consciousness				
	3870	Jewish Mysticism				
	5010S	Teaching Philosophy	A		A	

Total Required Hours: 30

Phil 2500; gateway seminar; two 3xxx history courses; two 3xxx systematic courses; two 5xxx courses, one additional course at or above the 2xxx level; and two additional courses at or above the 3xxx level.

B = Beginner Level

I = Intermediate Level

A = Advanced Level

Note that, when a course is permitted to have a range of contents (at the discretion of the instructor), the course has been marked as apt to satisfy the full permitted range of undergraduate educational goals.