

JUSTICE, POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, AND LAW - BACHELOR OF ARTS

The aim of a Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL) arts major is to cultivate a reasoned understanding of law and legal institutions, as well as the moral theories that support the value and justice of these institutions. JPPL offers a sequence of courses totaling 36 credit hours in critical thinking, law, policy, global justice, ethical theory, political philosophy, moral theory, feminist philosophy, and human rights. The interdisciplinary component of the major ensures that students have a well-rounded understanding of issues of justice and law. JPPL students will be well-prepared for further studies or careers in law, philosophy, politics, public service, education, human rights, or public policy.

Admission to JPPL is open to any student in good standing in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		10
English Composition - Level 1 ¹		
English Composition - Level 2 ¹		
Oral Communication ¹		
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i> ^{1,2}		3-4
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> ¹		10-11
Area III: Laboratory Sciences course (4 credits)		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)		
Either an Area III: Laboratory Science course (4 credits) or an Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences course (3 credits)		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one from the following: ³		3
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ¹		
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics (Introductory Course-Departmental/College Requirement also) ³	3
Viewing a Wider World ⁴		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
<i>Introductory Courses</i>		
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking ³	3
or PHIL 312	Formal Logic	
<i>Law, Politics, and Ethics</i>		
PHIL 320	Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 373	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 376	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 435	Internship in Philosophy and Law	3

<i>Intellectual History</i>		
Select one from the following:		3
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
PHIL 341	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 344	Modern Philosophy	
<i>Human Rights and Global Justice</i>		
Select two from the following:		6
PHIL 322	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 332	Ethics and Global Poverty	
PHIL 385	Human Nature and the Good Life	
<i>Philosophical Writing</i>		
PHIL 448	Writing Philosophy	3
Non-Departmental Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW)		
<i>Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law, Politics, and Justice</i>		
HIST 414	The Constitution and U.S. History	3
or POLS 391	Constitutional Law	
Select one from the following:		3
CJUS 302	Crime, Justice and Society	
CJUS 306	Criminal Procedural Law	
CJUS 307	Law of Evidence	
CJUS 360	The Juvenile Justice System	
CJUS 399	New Mexico Law	
CJUS 424	Forensic Law	
CJUS 425	Issues in Ethics, Law, and Criminal Justice	
CJUS 428	Mexican-Americans and Issues of Social Justice	
CJUS 429	Immigration & Justice	
CJUS 435	Political Penology	
CJUS 453	Women and Justice	
GNDP 453	Women and Politics	
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
HNRS 2180G	Citizen and State Great Political Issues	
HNRS 304V	Dilemmas of War and Peace	
HNRS 306V	Science, Ethics and Society	
HNRS 335V	Legal Issues in Modern Society	
HNRS 353V	Justice without Prejudice	
HNRS 378V	Technology and Policy	
HNRS 387V	Comparative Perspectives on Women	
HNRS 388V	Leadership and Society	
HNRS 390V	Worlds of Buddhism	
PHIL 306	Philosophy Through Film	
PHIL 328	Applied Ethics	
PHIL 361	Special Topics	
POLS 382	Classical Political Thought	
POLS 383	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 385	American Political Thought	
POLS 395	Law and Society	
PSYC 3510	Psychology and the Law	
SOCI 3510	Crime and Society	
SOCI 3520	Juvenile Delinquency	
Second Language Requirement: (not required)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 ⁵		49-47
Select sufficient electives to bring total to 120, including 48 upper-division.		
Total Credits		120

- ¹ See the General Education section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- ² A Mathematics course is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.
- ³ Students must take either PHIL 1115G Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 1145G Philosophy, Law, and Ethics, or PHIL 2230G Philosophical Thought; PHIL 2110G Introduction to Ethics; and either PHIL 1120G Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking or PHIL 312 Formal Logic to fulfill the Introductory courses requirement.
- ⁴ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- ⁵ Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law there is no second language requirement.

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

Freshman		Credits
ENGL 1110G	Composition I ¹	4
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics ¹	3
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	3
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ²		3
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ²		4
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course ²		3
Choose from one of the following:		3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
ACOM 1130G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
Elective Courses		4
Credits		30
Sophomore		Credits
Choose from one of the following:		3
ENGL 2130G	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
Choose from one of the following:		3
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 312	Formal Logic	

Area III: Laboratory Science Course OR Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ²		3-4
Elective Course		6
PHIL 373	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 320	Social and Political Philosophy	3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Elective Courses		6
Credits		30-31
Junior		Credits
PHIL 376	Philosophy of Law	3
Choose from one of the following:		3
HNRS 2140G	Plato and the Discovery of Philosophy	
PHIL 341	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 344	Modern Philosophy	
Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
PHIL 322	Environmental Ethics	3
PHIL 332	Ethics and Global Poverty	3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		3
Elective Courses		9
Credits		30
Senior		Credits
PHIL 448	Writing Philosophy ¹	3
Interdisciplinary Perspectives Course (see non-departmental requirements list)		6
Upper-Division Elective Course ¹		9
Elective Courses		12
Credits		30
Total Credits		120-121

¹ These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements.

² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

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