

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Honours) 2026 Program Structure

It is important that you read and understand the following information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you complete all the requirements of this program in order to graduate. The following information is designed to help you plan your enrolment to meet this goal.

Further information can be found in the official program requirements and course lists under the **Courses and Requirements** link in the Programs and Courses website: https://programs-courses.uq.edu.au/program.html?acad_prog=2522&year=2026

You are not required to submit this program plan for approval. However, if you have any questions or concerns about meeting degree requirements, especially when you are nearing the end of your program, please [contact the BEL Faculty](#) for advice.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

You must complete 64 units, comprising -

- 30 units for all BPPE(Hons) Core Courses, and
- 26 units from
 - BPPE(Hons) Major Pathway, comprising -
16 units for one Major from BPPE(Hons) Majors, with at least 6 units at level 3, and
10 units from BPPE(Hons) Program Elective Courses
OR
 - BPPE(Hons) No Major Pathway, and
- 8 units from General Elective Courses

You must complete at least 24 units at level 3 or higher and no more than 24 units may be at level 1 (therefore, excluding core courses, no more than 12 units of major and/or elective courses can be at level 1, and at least 16 units of major/and or elective courses must be at level 3 or higher).

You must complete at least 16 units of courses at level 3 or higher at The University of Queensland (as part of the requirement for a class of Honours).

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Economics Major Study Plan

Courses		Units
YEAR ONE		
Semester 1 <i>It is not possible to study more than 8 units [4 courses] in semester 1 of year 1</i>		
ECON1010	Introductory Microeconomics	2
ECON1020	Introductory Macroeconomics	2
POLS1101	Introduction to Australian Politics	2
PPES1101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 1: A Short History	2
Semester 2		
ECON1050	Tools of Economic Analysis	2
PHIL1013	Introduction to Ethics	2
POLS2401	Politics & the Economy	2
	Program elective	2
YEAR TWO		
Semester 1		
ECON1310*	Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences	2
ECON2010*	Intermediate Microeconomics	2
PHIL2330	Political Philosophy and Applied Ethics	2
POLS2302	Global Political Thought	2
Semester 2		
ECON2020*	Intermediate Macroeconomics	2
ECON....	Elective course for major	2
PHIL2750	Economic Justice	2
PPES2101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 2: Foundations of Policy Problems	2
YEAR THREE		
Semester 1		
ECON....	Elective course for major	2
ECON....	Elective course for major	2
ECON....	Elective course for major	2
PPES3101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 3: Advanced Analysis of Complex Problems	2
Semester 2 <i>Recommended exchange semester</i>		
	Program elective (or general elective#)	2
	Program elective (or general elective#)	2
	General elective# (or program elective)	2
	General elective# (or program elective)	2
YEAR FOUR		
Semester 1		
	Program elective (or general elective#)	2
	Program elective (or general elective#)	2
	General elective# (or program elective)	2
	General elective# (or program elective)	2
Semester 2		
ECON....	Elective course for major	2
PPES4100	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 4: Toward Social and Economic Reform	6
Total Units		64

* These are compulsory courses for the Economics major; refer to the BPPE(Hons) course list to see elective courses for the major. Of the 10 units (5 courses) chosen as elective courses for the Economics major, at least 6 units (3 courses) must be at level 3.

You must complete at least 24 units at level 3 or higher and no more than 24 units may be at level 1 (therefore, excluding core courses, no more than 12 units of major and/or elective courses can be at level 1, and at least 16 units of major/and or elective courses must be at level 3 or higher).

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Philosophy Major Study Plan

Courses		Units
YEAR ONE		
Semester 1 <i>It is not possible to study more than 8 units [4 courses] in semester 1 of year 1</i>		
ECON1010	Introductory Microeconomics	2
ECON1020	Introductory Macroeconomics	2
POLS1101	Introduction to Australian Politics	2
PPES1101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 1: A Short History	2
Semester 2		
ECON1050	Tools of Economic Analysis	2
PHIL1013	Introduction to Ethics	2
POLS2401	Politics & the Economy	2
Program elective		2
YEAR TWO		
Semester 1		
PHIL2330	Political Philosophy and Applied Ethics	2
PHIL....	Elective course for major	2
PHIL....	Elective course for major	2
POLS2302	Global Political Thought	2
Semester 2		
PHIL2013*	Rise of Modern Philosophy	2
PHIL2750	Economic Justice	2
PPES2101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 2: Foundations of Policy Problems	2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
YEAR THREE		
Semester 1		
PHIL3630*	Advanced Topics in Moral & Political Philosophy	2
PHIL....	Elective course for major	2
PPES3101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 3: Advanced Analysis of Complex Problems	2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
Semester 2 <i>Recommended exchange semester</i>		
PHIL3002*	Philosophy Today	2
PHIL....	Elective course for major	2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
YEAR FOUR		
Semester 1		
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
Semester 2		
PHIL....	Elective course for major	2
PPES4100	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 4: Toward Social and Economic Reform	6
Total Units		64

* These are compulsory courses for the Philosophy major; refer to the BPPE(Hons) course list to see elective courses for the major. Of the 10 units (5 courses) chosen as elective courses for the Philosophy major, at least 2 units (1 course) must be at level 3.

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Politics Major Study Plan

Courses		Units
YEAR ONE		
Semester 1 <i>It is not possible to study more than 8 units [4 courses] in semester 1 of year 1</i>		
ECON1010	Introductory Microeconomics	2
ECON1020	Introductory Macroeconomics	2
POLS1101	Introduction to Australian Politics	2
PPES1101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 1: A Short History	2
Semester 2		
ECON1050	Tools of Economic Analysis	2
PHIL1013	Introduction to Ethics	2
POLS2401	Politics & the Economy	2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
YEAR TWO		
Semester 1		
PHIL2330	Political Philosophy and Applied Ethics	2
POLS2101*	Indigenous Politics & Policy	2
POLS2302	Global Political Thought	2
POLS....	Elective course for major	2
Semester 2		
PHIL2750	Economic Justice	2
POLS....	Elective course for major	2
PPES2101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 2: Foundations of Policy Problems	2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
YEAR THREE		
Semester 1		
POLS3118*	Political Attitudes & Political Behaviour	2
POLS....	Elective course for major	2
POLS....	Elective course for major	2
PPES3101	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 3: Advanced Analysis of Complex Problems	2
Semester 2 <i>Recommended exchange semester</i>		
POLS3102*	Governance & Australian Public Policy	2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
YEAR FOUR		
Semester 1		
Program elective		2
Program elective (or general elective#)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
General elective# (or program elective)		2
Semester 2		
PPES4100	Politics, Philosophy, Economics 4: Toward Social and Economic Reform	6
POLS....	Elective course for major	2
Total Units		64

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YEAR ONE	
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ECON1010 Introductory Microeconomics	2
ECON1020 Introductory Macroeconomics	2
POLS1101 Introduction to Australian Politics	2
PPES1101 Politics, Philosophy, Economics 1: A Short History	2
Semester 2	
ECON1050 Tools of Economic Analysis	2
PHIL1013 Introduction to Ethics	2
POLS2401 Politics & the Economy	2
Program elective	2
YEAR TWO	
Semester 1	
PHIL2330 Political Philosophy and Applied Ethics	2
POLS2302 Global Political Thought	2
Program elective	2
Program elective	2
Semester 2	
PHIL2750 Economic Justice	2
PPES2101 Politics, Philosophy, Economics 2: Foundations of Policy Problems	2
Program elective	2
Program elective	2
YEAR THREE	
Semester 1	
PPES3101 Politics, Philosophy, Economics 3: Advanced Analysis of Complex Problems	2
Program elective	2
Program elective	2
Program elective	2
Semester 2 <i>Recommended exchange semester</i>	
Program elective (or general elective#)	2
Program elective (or general elective#)	2
General elective# (or program elective)	2
General elective# (or program elective)	2
YEAR FOUR	
Semester 1	
Program elective (or general elective#)	2
Program elective (or general elective#)	2
General elective# (or program elective)	2
General elective# (or program elective)	2
Semester 2	
PPES4100 Politics, Philosophy, Economics 4: Toward Social and Economic Reform	6
Program elective	2
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