

Politics, Philosophy & Economics Major Learning Goals & Objectives

Learning goals and objectives reflect the educational outcomes achieved by students through the completion of this program. These transferable skills prepare Suffolk students for success in the workplace, in graduate school, and in their local and global communities.

Learning Goals

Learning Objectives

Students will...

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Understand core contributions of political science, economics, and philosophy

- Examine the institutions and rules that govern and structure political decision-making
- Identify the main theories and concepts of ethics and political philosophy
- Interpret the basic dynamics of market exchange and economic production and distribution

Critically evaluate structures, perspectives, and approaches

- Combine perspectives, theories, and data from politics, philosophy, and economics to engage in real world social and political issues
- Accurately describe and evaluate the ethical stakes of decisions and their potential consequences from multiple perspectives or standards/criteria
- Compare and contrast existing social structures with alternatives
- Critique one's own views and arguments

Identify and investigate an important research question

- Formulate interesting and important research questions
- Identify relevant scholarly resources and synthesize the information essential to a research question

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand and apply qualitative and quantitative data from economic and political research
Defend a position clearly and directly in writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize an argument in a form and level of depth suitable to a broad audience• Employ philosophical tools (distinctions, objections/responses, convincing hypotheticals and counter-examples) constructively• Produce clear, persuasive prose and write with accuracy, precision, consistency, and relevance to topic at hand
Discuss concepts and issues in a manner that is informed, creative, and civil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage in civil dialogue through group work, open discussions, Q&A, formal and informal presentations.• Use sound argumentation strategies• Debate issues in a respectful and empathetic manner