



PHILOSOPHY and PUBLIC AFFAIRS

@ Claremont McKenna College

Do you want to combine your study of philosophy with an in-depth exploration of an empirical field?

Do you want to pair philosophical knowledge of how society *should* work with empirical information about how society *does* work?

Sample PPA combinations

- Pair political philosophy courses with policy-oriented Government and Economics courses
- Pair philosophy of science courses with KDIS courses
- Pair philosophy of mind courses with Psychological Science courses
- Pair philosophy courses on algorithmic bias with Data Science courses
- Pair environmental ethics courses with courses on climate change

Interested in finding out more?
www.cmc.edu/philosophy

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The PPA Major

(for students entering fall 2026)

- **Introductory Philosophy**
Develop your critical reading, writing, and thinking skills, while building a foundation for further study of philosophy
- **Fundamentals of Logic**
Learn formal techniques for understanding and evaluating the logical structure of arguments
- **Value Theory**
Discuss fundamental questions in ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics
- **Applications**
Think philosophically about real world cases from politics, law, business, art, science, and other fields
- **Philosophical Breadth**
Explore an additional area of philosophy: history of philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology, or frameworks
- **Philosophy Electives (x2)**
Take two additional philosophy courses; make sure at least one course you take for the major is an Advanced Seminar
- **Public Affairs Electives (x5)**
*Take five courses beyond the introductory level in other disciplines which focus on empirical topics relevant to your philosophical coursework; work with your departmental advisor and the PPA coordinator **in advance** to develop a personalized course plan*

