Ethics, History, and Public Policy (BA or BS)

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In many ways the major in Ethics, History, and Public Policy (EHPP) is a quintessentially Carnegie Mellon degree program that cannot be found at any other university in the country. It is a highly interdisciplinary program jointly administered by the History Department and Philosophy Department.

In addition to providing a solid liberal arts background, EHPP encourages the development of a broad technical skill set that will benefit students in whatever career they ultimately choose to pursue. EHPP majors learn how to: analyze and construct arguments; evaluate evidentiary statements; persuade people to agree with their particular claims; conduct research under time and resource constraints; and craft policies that address real world problems in a way that is sensitive both to history and competing sets of values. It prepares students for leadership positions in law, public policy, ethics, and advocacy by providing them with a rigorous, interdisciplinary, humanistic and social-scientific education. It also focuses equally on the historical understanding of how modern-day problems have evolved, and the importance of developing clear criteria for ethical decision-making. The capstone project course provides students with the opportunity to engage with real-world public policy challenges using the methods, theories and knowledge acquired over the course of the major.

So what is the EHPP major good for? In a nutshell, the EHPP major prepares students for leadership positions in law, public policy, ethics, and advocacy by providing them with a rigorous, interdisciplinary humanistic and social-scientific education. It also serves as an excellent spring board for graduate study in a wide variety of disciplines.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. EHPP is also available as an Additional Major. The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

1st semester
- 79-104, Global Histories
- Complete 1: First-Year Writing (FYW) 36-200, Reasoning with Data Freshman Seminar
- 99-101, C@CM
- 80-130, Introduction to Ethics
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

2nd semester
- Complete 2: First-Year Writing (FYW) 36-200, Reasoning with Data Freshman Seminar
- History or Philosophy Core Course
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

3rd semester
- 79-300, Hist. Am. Public Policy
- 73-102, Principles of Micro.
- 80-335, Soc. and Pol. Philosophy
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

4th semester
- History Core Course
- Philosophy Core Course (80-2xx+)
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective*

*Courses can be chosen from the major's list of History or Philosophy Core courses. Students should meet with Professor London or Correy Dandoy to discuss particular courses that match their interest area.

**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are interested in.

For the B.S., complete 2 additional courses from this list: 21-257, (36-202 or 36-208 or 70-208), 36-303, 36-309, 80-305, 84-265, 88-251.