

Resolution 2017-18.B

Resolution to Approve New Major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: October 09, 2017

Second Reading: October 23, 2017

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First effective date to declare Major: Spring 2018

First effective date to graduate: Spring 2020

WHEREAS, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Philosophy and the Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) have international standing, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching expertise in the area of philosophy, politics, and economics; and

WHEREAS, the PPE Major not only strengthens the integration of the undergraduate curriculum at Virginia Tech by interdisciplinary curricular development, but also complements current degree offerings without competing directly with any of them; and

WHEREAS, the PPE Major equips students with foundational skills that arise from actively engaging in the social sciences combined with philosophical reflection and that are essential to engaging in meaningful interdisciplinary research in the humanities and social sciences; and

WHEREAS, the PPE Major trains students to develop comprehensive solutions to interdisciplinary decision-making problems that involve social, ethical, political, and economic dimensions in an interdependent globalized world; and

WHEREAS, the PPE Major promotes the educational mission of Virginia Tech to offer its students an innovative, interdisciplinary learning environment in which they can grow individually and collectively and become reflective and engaged global citizens; and

WHEREAS, due to its analytic rigor and emphasis on the development of transferable skills, the PPE Major prepares students well for a wide variety of careers in the private and public sectors and for academic programs, in particular masters and doctoral programs in philosophy, political science, and economics, as well as related social sciences,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy effective Spring 2018 and the proposal forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.