

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Application

Applications are accepted during these periods:

Fall/Spring: 3rd week of instruction – last day of RRR week / Summer: early June – mid-August
Check the IAS website for semester-specific dates of application acceptance.

Incomplete applications will be returned for revision.

Students are eligible to declare when they:

- have a cumulative UC Berkeley gpa of 2.7 or higher, as shown on the Bearfacts transcript;
- have completed IAS 45 with a B- or better on the first attempt, or received an AP score of 5 on the World History exam*;
- have completed Econ 1, 2, or C3 at UCB with a C or better or the equivalent at another college, or received AP scores of 4 or 5 on both Microeconomics AND Macroeconomics exams**;
- are not in the final semester of undergraduate work.

* IAS 45 cannot be repeated in order to achieve a B- or better.

** Econ 1 may be repeated only ONCE in order to obtain a grade of C or better.

All students who have completed the prerequisites may declare the major, including freshmen and sophomores.

Your Complete PE Application consists of:

- ✓ **Completed Application Form and Program Worksheet (attached).**
- ✓ **Current Bear Facts (unofficial) Transcript** with your name printed on it. Please highlight all courses that apply to the major, AP scores, and transferable units from other institutions (community colleges, study abroad). For double majors or minors, please indicate which upper-division classes will overlap with the other major (maximum two) or minor (maximum one).
- ✓ **Official Transcript(s) from other Colleges.** These are only required if you have taken coursework that will count for the major. **Only official transcripts will be accepted.** *PE Advisors do not have access to transcripts in the Admissions Office.*
- ✓ **Petition to Declare a Major (attached) or Double Major Packet (obtain from L&S website or L&S office).** If PE is your second major, the Double Major Application materials must be completed and already signed by the advisor of the first major.
- ✓ **Statement of Purpose.** A typed, double-spaced, 1 page essay describing your interest in PE. The purpose of this essay is to give your advisors a clear picture of your academic interests. The statement should include your fields of interest, geographic areas of interest, career aspirations, plans for a higher degree, future goals, and anything relevant your decision to major in PE.
- ✓ **Concentration Approval Form (attached) and Concentration Statement.** The statement is a typed, double-spaced, 1-2 page essay which describes your concentration topic and how the courses you propose relate to the topic and to each other. Dedicate 2 paragraphs to the topic and 1-2 sentences on each class. For more information, please see the Concentration Approval Form (attached), the PE handbook, and speak with a PE advisor during drop-in advising hours.

All forms must be completed and ready to submit when declaring

How to Declare

To declare, students must both:

- **Attend a Major Declaration Workshop and**
- **Submit the PE application materials to advisor. Applications may not be dropped off or submitted via email.**

Declaration Workshops are held throughout the fall and spring semester beginning the 3rd week of the semester. A limited number of workshops are available in the summer. Check the IAS website and in-office postings for dates and times.

Note: International students on F or J visas. International students who are declaring or changing their major must update this information on their I-20 or DS-2019 visa document. Contact the Berkeley International Office (formerly Services for International Students and Scholars) for updated visa information at <http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/current/main>. BIO is located at International House at 2299 Piedmont Ave

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Application Form

Rec'd by _____

Date _____

Please type or print

Personal Data

Last name First Middle S.I.D. Number

@berkeley.edu email address Local phone number

Permanent email address Cell phone number

Academic Information

Date of Major Declaration Workshop attended Total units completed AP units completed

First term at Berkeley (semester and year) Proposed date of graduation (semester and year)

Double major department (if applicable) Minor program department (if applicable)

Other colleges and universities attended:

1. _____ from: _____ to: _____
2. _____ from: _____ to: _____
3. _____ from: _____ to: _____
4. _____ from: _____ to: _____

Please read and initial:

Once declared in a major, students must obtain a new Advisor Code from their major advisor every semester in order to enroll in classes through TeleBears. Advisor Codes change every semester. Bring a completed "Proposed TeleBears Study List" form to the Advising Office. Do this well before your Telebears appointment as this is a busy time in the office. Plan to discuss your progress in the major and your intended courses for the following semester. Forms are available at 101 Stephens.

Students studying abroad must email an advisor with a list of their proposed classes and the requirement each one fulfills. All other students must obtain the Advisor Code in person.

Student Initials _____ Date _____

PE Program Worksheet

This worksheet is a planning aid. Use it to plan a thoughtful and coherent program of study. Think about what you want to get out of your major and which courses will support that purpose. Include alternative options in case a course is not offered or doesn't fit your schedule. Notify your advisor immediately of any changes. Use the PE Handbook and the General Catalog as references.

Indicate the semester you already completed or plan to complete each requirement. See an advisor if you need assistance.
All courses for the major must be taken for a letter grade.

FILL THIS WORKSHEET OUT IN PENCIL – IT WILL CHANGE!

Lower division requirements: 3 courses

AP scores of 4 or 5 will satisfy the Econ and Stats requirement. An AP score of 5 will satisfy the World History requirement.

Economics 1 or 2: _____

IAS 45: _____

Statistics 2, 20, or 21: _____

Foreign language: 4th semester level. Grade of C- or higher. Note: Languages accepted by the College of Letters & Science are not automatically accepted for PE. Please check with the department for eligible languages.

Language: _____ 4th semester course: _____ Semester/Yr. _____

Upper division requirements: 9 courses

Conceptual Tools: 4 courses

Intermed. Microeconomics: Course: _____ Semester: _____

Intermed. Macroeconomics: Course: _____ Semester: _____

PEIS 100: Semester: _____ **PEIS 101:** Semester: _____

Historical Context: 1 course

Course: _____ Semester: _____

Concentration: 4 courses

Concentration title: _____

Course: _____ Semester: _____ Course: _____ Semester: _____

Course: _____ Semester: _____ Course: _____ Semester: _____

PE Concentration Approval Form

Rec'd by: _____

Date: _____

Concentration Title: _____

Concentration Statement: On a separate sheet of paper, type a concise, two-paragraph description of your intended topic. Also briefly state how each of your proposed courses *relates to* your topic (do not simply describe the courses). You may be asked to submit syllabi for the courses. It is strongly recommended that you meet with a PE Advisor prior to submitting a Concentration proposal.

Courses: Below list the four courses you wish to count for your Concentration. For scheduling flexibility it is best to include one additional course. Be mindful of the following points:

1. Select courses from different departments. No more than two courses may be taken from the same department.
2. Concentration courses may not be double-counted towards other requirements within the major.
3. **Any changes in either the Concentration topic or the approved coursework must be re-submitted and approved by the IAS Faculty Committee.**

Dept & Course No.	Term	Units	Course title	Course Approved/Denied/Syllabus/Comments			
				A	D	S	
				A	D	S	
				A	D	S	
				A	D	S	
				A	D	S	
				A	D	S	

Student name: _____ Date: _____

Student email: _____

Concentration Topic: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Revise ☐ Approved with conditions

Comments: _____

Contacted by: _____ Date: _____

