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Here are courses listed for summertime 2025 that meet PPE reqs (beyond prereqs and honors). Also some theme ideas at the bottom. If you find errors or omissions or broken links, please let us know ([ppe-advising@umich.edu](mailto:ppe-advising@umich.edu)).

If you take one of these courses via a cross-registration in a different department, after you are enrolled (vs. waitlisted) for the course, [and after you have declared PPE,] tell us so we can make your course count.

Not all of these courses are automatically added to checklists. After you enroll and a few days pass, let us know if anything's missing.

Your online checklists might erroneously count a single course for two PPE requirements. Please check for this, because double-counting is not allowed, even if the checklist says so. You will have to let us know the single requirement for which you wish to use the course, and we can correct your checklist.

## PPE CORE

SPRING 2025

[ECON 401 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory](#)

## PPE STATISTICS

*PPE recommends alternatives to STATS 250 for social scientists.*

SPRING 2025

[ECON 251 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics II](#)

[POLSCI 300 Quantitative Empirical Methods of Poli Sci](#)

[STATS 250 Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis](#)

[STATS 412 Introduction to Probability and Statistics](#)

[STATS 426 Introduction to Theoretical Statistics](#)

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[ECON 251 Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics II](#)

[STATS 250 Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis](#)

## PPE FORMAL METHODS

SPRING 2025

[ECON 398 Strategy](#) (can't double-count for Political Economy)

[ECON 409 Game Theory](#) (can't double-count for Political Economy)

[MATH 423 Mathematics of Finance](#)

[PHIL 303 Intro to Symbolic Logic](#)

[STATS 425/MATH 425 Introduction to Probability](#) (multi sects)

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[STATS 425/MATH 425 Introduction to Probability](#)

## PPE NORMATIVE THEORY

*This req or the theme must include at least one PHIL course.*

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Nothing auto-counts – let us know if this leaves you in a pinch.

## PPE POLITICAL ECONOMY

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[ECON 398 Strategy](#) (can't double-count for Formal Methods)

[ECON 402 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory](#)

[ECON 409 Game Theory](#) (can't double-count for Formal Methods)

[ECON 481 Government Expenditures](#)

[ECON 485 Law and Econ](#)

[ECON 490.101 Econ of Entrepreneurship](#)

[ENVIRON / EARTH 380 Natural Resources, Econ. & Environment](#)

For POLSCI 389, counting depends on what topic is announced

[SOC 335 / AAS 347 / RCSTP 343 Urban Inequality in America](#)

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[ECON 402 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory](#)

[ECON 485 Law and Econ](#)

For POLSCI 389, counting depends on what topic is announced

[ENVIRON / EARTH 344 Sustainable & Fossil Energy](#)

We count this summer-only course in order to increase options.

If it migrates to falls or winters we might not continue to count it.

## ----- SOME THEME IDEAS (among many many more) -----

*Any specific course in this Suggested Theme list, or in the Political Economy or Normative Theory lists above, would make a good start to some theme idea(s), as long as it is not a mini-course, and as long as you are not using it for any other PPE requirement. You may safely choose one such course to start your theme with, without seeking prior approval. (It's less safe to choose multiples without prior approval, because they must fit together.) Just make sure it's on a theme topic you are willing to see to completion.*

*These caught an eye as we read through the course guide.*

*Meant to help you escape ruts, not meant to create them.*

*Remember: you need two 400+ and one 300+ ≥3-credit courses,*

*which cohere but aren't too redundant, and*

*relate (loosely) to some aspect(s) of*

*ethics, choice, gov't, production, or consumption;*

*you need to draw courses from two different disciplines*

*(e.g., two LSA depts, or two UM colleges)—*

*not limited to phil, polsci, and econ depts; and*

*you need to get your plan approved by a PPE advisor*

*(typically in your junior year).*

*Use the keyword section of the course guide!*

SPRING 2025

[COMM 305 Survey – Reputation Management for Global Business](#)

[COMM 458 Documentary Journalism](#)

[ECON 320 Survey of Labor Econ](#)

[ENVIRON 304 How to Save the Planet](#)

[INTLSTD 301.101 Topics – Security in Theory & Practice](#)

[PHIL 356 Issues in Bioethics](#)

[SOC 326 / SW 305 Community Action & Social Change](#)

[SOC 495.102 Topics - Restorative Justice, Prison Reform, Abolition](#)

[RCSSCI / SW 312 Environmental Justice Organizing in Detroit](#)

[ROSS/BIZ Course Descriptions](#) (choose term & program-or-area)

The Wolverine Access link, there, leads to the schedule.

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[COMM 332 – Advertising Strategy](#)

[COMM 343 Public Relations](#)

[ECON 370 / ENVIRON 375 Environmental & Resource Econ](#)

[INTLSTD 401.201 Liberalization: ... Postwar Democratization](#)

[SOC 495.201 Topics - Genocide](#)

[ROSS/BIZ Course Descriptions](#) (choose term & program-or-area)

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