



**Binghamton University
Harpur College of Arts and Sciences**

Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Law

**Rockland County Community College
Transfer Planning Guide**

Binghamton University offers the BA in Philosophy, Politics, and the Law (PPL). Students majoring in PPL at Binghamton choose between Track 1: Traditions of Western Law and Government or Track 2: American Law and Government. In Track 1, four designated courses are required in Philosophy, two courses in Latin; and four courses in History. Two additional electives are required. In Track 2, four designated courses are required in Philosophy, two courses in History, and two in Political Science. Four additional electives are required. For both tracks, at least six of the courses must be 300 level or above. See <http://ppl.binghamton.edu> for a detailed description of the program and for the listings of required and elective courses for the PPL major.

Rockland County Community College offers courses in Philosophy, History, and Political Science that can fulfill some of the Philosophy, Politics, and Law elective and lower-level requirements (see below). In general, for RCC transfer students interested in the major, we recommend taking the equivalent courses identified below and completing as many General Education requirements as possible before transferring.

Course Requirements and Rockland County Community College Course Equivalencies

Track 1: Traditions of Western Law and Government

Students must take a total of 12 courses to fulfill the requirements for the major and must earn a grade of C– or higher in courses taken for the major; courses may not be taken Pass/Fail. Four courses must be in Philosophy (PHIL 201, 146 or 242, 345, and one elective); two courses must be in Latin; and four courses must be in History. The remaining two course electives may be selected from the list of designated courses for Track 1. Please note that at least 6 of the 12 courses must be 300-level or above, so **only 6 RCC courses can transfer in.**

Binghamton Courses	RCC Equivalent
A.1. Philosophy Requirement (three required)	
PHIL 201 Plato and Aristotle	N/A
PHIL 146 Law and Justice or PHIL 242 Topics in Classical Political Philosophy	N/A
PHIL 345 Philosophy of Law	N/A

A.2. Philosophy Elective (one required)	
PHIL 122 Elementary Logic	N/A
<i>Numerous other designated courses in Philosophy may be taken at Binghamton to meet this elective requirement.</i>	
B. Latin Requirement (two semesters required)	
<i>Courses may be taken at Binghamton to meet this requirement.</i>	N/A
C.1. History Requirement (three required)	
HIST 101 Foundations of Western Civilization	HIS 101 Western Civilization I and/or HIS 102 Western Civilization II
HIST 300 Ancient Law and Society	N/A
HIST 302 European Law from Justinian to Blackstone	N/A
C.2. History Elective (one required)	
<i>Numerous designated courses in History may be taken at Binghamton to meet this elective requirement.</i>	N/A
D. Cognate Electives (two required)	
<i>Numerous designated courses in Classics, English, Greek, History, Judaic Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and PPL may be taken at Binghamton to meet this elective requirement.</i>	N/A

Other courses from RCC may be approved for transfer on a case-by-case basis. Please see a Philosophy, Politics, and Law advisor to discuss particular courses. For further information on approved courses and electives for the major, see the Philosophy, Politics, and Law website at <http://ppl.binghamton.edu/coursereq.html>.

Track 2: American Law and Government

Students must take a total of 12 courses to fulfill the requirements for the major and must earn a grade of C– or higher in courses taken for the major; courses may not be taken Pass/Fail. Four must be in Philosophy (PHIL 146; PHIL 147, 148 or 149; PHIL 345; and PHIL 455, 456, 457 or 458); two must be in Political Science; and two must be in History. The remaining four course electives must be selected from the list of designated courses for Track 2. Please note that at least 6 of the 12 courses must be 300-level or above, **so only 6 RCC courses can transfer in.**

Binghamton Courses	RCC Equivalent
A. Philosophy Requirement (four courses)	
PHIL 146 Law and Justice	N/A
PHIL 147 Markets, Ethics and Law or PHIL 149 Environmental Ethics and Policy or PHIL 148 Medical Ethics	PHL 260 Ethics in Business = PHIL 147 PHL 261 Current Issues in Biomedical Ethics = PHIL 148
PHIL 345 Philosophy of Law	N/A
PHIL 455 Advanced Philosophy of Law or PHIL 456 Problems in Law and Political Theory or PHIL 457 Problems in Law and Morality or PHIL 458 Problems in Law and the History of Philosophy	N/A
B. Political Science Requirement (two courses, including one at the 300-level)	
PLSC 111 American Politics	POL 101 Principles of American Government: National
PLSC 326 American State Politics	POL 102 Principles of American Government: State and Local
<i>Numerous other designated courses may be taken at Binghamton to meet this requirement.</i>	

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General Education

In order to graduate, all students must meet the General Education requirements set by the State University of New York. As a public research institution in the SUNY system, we accept all general Education credits already awarded at other SUNY colleges.

Numerous courses in the Philosophy, Politics and Law major will help you complete General Education requirements in Social Science (N) and Global Interdependencies (G). While completing the Philosophy, Politics, and the Law major you will automatically fulfill the Social Science (N) and Humanities (H) requirements and the Harpur Writing Requirement, including courses in Composition (C), Oral Communication (O), or Joint Composition/Oral Communication (J) requirements. Students may transfer in a maximum of one composition course (C) and two writing (W) courses.

We recommend completing other General Education requirements including the Foreign Language requirement before transferring to Binghamton.

For more information, please see <http://gened.binghamton.edu>.

Binghamton University General Education	Community College Equivalent	Comments (Courses must be 3-4 credits)
C – Composition O – Oral Communication	Basic Communication	One course required
Foreign Language	American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish – any level	One course required unless student has 3 years high school language with 85 or better on NYS Regents exam
P – Pluralism in the United States	American History	One U.S. history course required unless student received 85 or better on the US History regents or a 3 or better on US History AP exam
G – Global Interdependencies	Satisfy Western Civilization and Other World Civilizations or take one course in Social Anthropology, World Geography, or Economic Geography.	Two courses (Western Civilization and Other World Civilizations) or one course in Social Anthropology, World Geography, Economic Geography required
L – Lab Science	Natural Sciences	One course required
N – Social Science	Anthropology, Economics, History, Geography, Political Science, Psychology (if listed as a social science), Sociology	One course required
M – Math	Mathematics	One course required

A – Aesthetics	The Arts	One course required
H – Humanities	Humanities	One course required
Y - Physical Activity S – Wellness B – Both Physical Activity and Wellness	Y courses: Physical Education S courses: Health, Human Sexuality, Nutrition B courses: Hiking, Backpacking, Bicycling, Physical Fitness and Wellness, Wellness through Aerobic exercise, Wellness through Yoga, Wellness through Weight Training	Minimum of two credits required – one credit of Y and one credit of S or two credits of B

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Please note: This transfer guide outlines plans of study that allow for efficient completion of the bachelor's degree program with full recognition of transfer credit equivalencies. Admission to Binghamton University is very competitive and satisfactory completion of equivalent courses or an associates degree is not a guarantee of admission.