This sheet highlights a few notes and reminders of particular relevance for PPEL majors. It is not meant to take the place of familiarity with the PPEL requirements, more generally, which can be found on the PPEL site: https://ppel.richmond.edu/.

1. **Minimum Grade for Courses to Count toward the PPEL Major**

   With one exception, students may only count courses toward the PPEL major requirements in which they receive a grade of at least “C-“ (C minus). The exception is ECON 101 (Principles of Microeconomics”); to fulfill this requirement, students must complete the course with a grade of at least “C”. (Note under special policies instituted by the University in response to the pandemic, courses in which students received a grade of Credit (on a CR/CRD/NC scale) in the duration of the special policies may be counted toward the major.)

2. **PPEL Core Courses (PPEL 261, 262, 363, and 401)**

   Students are encouraged to complete the two gateway courses—Theory and Public Policy (PPEL 261) and Law and Social Order (PPEL 262)—at the earliest opportunity. Having completed at least one of the gateways (plus Microeconomics), students are also encouraged to complete Rational Choice and Political Theory (PPEL 363) at the earliest opportunity. The Capstone Seminar (PPEL 401) is required for all seniors. All four of the PPEL prefix courses (that is, PPEL 261, PPEL 262, PPEL 363, and PPEL 401) will be offered in Fall 2022. Please check the PPEL site for the prerequisites for the PPEL Core Courses.

3. **Prerequisites for Other Courses Counted toward the PPEL Major**

   As majoring in PPEL is not a waiver from prerequisites, it is vital to plan ahead. Please note, for example, that the prerequisite for Constitutional Law (PLSC 331) is either PLSC 220 (Introduction to American Government) or PLSC 260 (Introduction to Public Policy); students are discouraged from seeking exceptions to these prerequisites.

4. **Area Courses**

   Fall 2022 courses that fulfill area requirements should be posted here: https://ppel.richmond.edu/courses/upcoming-courses.html

5. **Economics Concentration**

   Specific requirements pertaining to PPEL majors with a concentration in Economics are provided here: http://ppel.richmond.edu-major/concentrations.html. Economics concentrators are urged to fulfill the requirement in Microeconomic Theory (ECON 271) as early as possible in their course of study. Please also note that the prerequisites for ECON 271 are: ECON 101 and ECON 102, and either MATH 190 or MATH 211.