

Introducing PPE: Ideas That Shape Your World

Experiments in PPE

Throughout the semester, you will be doing many different experiments in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE). Most of these will be in-class, where you work with your classmates to complete certain activities. There will also be some out-of-class experiments as well. These experiments will take many forms and will be scored based on specific criteria for each experiment. However, the overarching goal of all these experiments is to help you experiment applying the concepts and tools of PPE to the real world and your own experiences to those concepts and tools.

Please note that some experiments in PPE ask for you to interact with your world and community. However, please do so only in a way that is **SAFE** and **COMFORTABLE** to **YOU**. You get to choose how you will complete those experiments. Please do not hesitate to meet with me if you are encountering difficulties in completing those experiments.

Objectives of the Experiments in PPE

- Make the world better (even if only a tiny little bit).
- Engage the public in issues that are important to you.
- Connect the concepts and tools of PPE learned in class to your own life and the lives of other people.
- Learn some ways in which your own life and the lives of other people raise questions about the concepts and tools of PPE learned in class.
- Learn more about the topics you are addressing, and be in a better position to have and defend your own views on these topics.
- Define, plan, and carry out social action and activities.
- Develop civic engagement and leadership skills.
- Practice your organizational skills and ability to delegate tasks.
- Attain experience and skills to act on social problems.
- Become inspired and motivated to act on social problems.

What You Will Do

The experiments in PPE consist of a series of activities that you will complete throughout the semester. Each experiment has different guidelines. Some experiments will be followed up with a reflection and, if appropriate, documentation of what you did. I will give you specific requirements as the due dates approach. If you feel anxious about any experiment guidelines—let me know so I can better clarify them.

Without a doubt, this is the most amazing part of the course!