EPE Senior Essay Form

This form is due by the end of shopping period during the semester when you begin writing your senior essay.

Student Name:  Date:

Please indicate below how you will write your senior essay.

____ One semester essay (fall semester)
____ One semester essay (spring semester)
____ Year long essay

____ As part of a course

   Course number and title:  _____________________________
   Course instructor:  _____________________________

____ As an independent project

   Faculty advisor:  _____________________________

Senior Essay Title (provisional):  _________________________________________

Faculty advisor signature:

Your signature indicates that you have been given the guidelines for advising and grading of senior essays in EP&E (attached), and have agreed to advise this student’s senior essay.

   Faculty advisor name (print):  _____________________________
   Faculty advisor signature:  _____________________________

DUS Signature:  _____________________________
Thank you for considering working with our students!

Since Ethics, Politics & Economics is an interdisciplinary major, we expect senior essays to make some use of analytical tools and techniques from each of the three disciplines. Many successful essays pose a specific moral or political problem and then offer an analysis that explores the problem from the three perspectives. Of course each student may emphasize a particular approach, with some essays focusing more on economics and others on ethics or politics. But every essay should at least acknowledge, and preferably engage, the ways in which these different analytical dimensions intersect. A senior essay in EPE should look noticeably different than an essay in any one of the fields alone.

All students writing the senior essay in EP&E are required to participate in a Senior Essay Writing Workshop hosted by the DUS and Senior Essay Consultant. The workshop provides a way for essay writers to get feedback on their work from their peers and the Essay Consultant throughout the writing process, and by reading and critiquing the work of others, to think about how they might improve their own work. In addition to deadlines established by the advisor, students are required to comply with Senior Essay Workshop deadlines. The Senior Essay Consultant will provide the workshop syllabus to advisors for reference.

A one-term essay should be 40-50 pages long, and a year-long essay should be 80-100 pages long.

Grading for senior essays: The advisor's evaluation contributes two-thirds of the final grade. A second reader, selected by the student but not usually involved in the writing process, also evaluates the final essay and contributes one-third of the grade. Usually the advisors offer written comments on the final essay as well. If the student is writing the essay as part of a seminar, the instructor may incorporate an evaluation of the student's performance throughout the semester into the final grade.

Please note that because of the need to clear our students for graduation, the EPE due dates for the senior essays cannot be changed, and only the DUS can grant extensions. If an essay is late, advisors should use their discretion regarding the proper penalty in assigning a grade.

Any questions about your role as an advisor should be directed to the Director of Undergraduate Studies.