

Public Policy Analysis and Management Minor

Coordinator: Bowen

The public policy and management minor provides students with critical, analytical, and managerial skills for careers in public affairs including citizen activism and advocacy, appointed and elected public office, community development, and public affairs journalism. Based on core contributions from political science, the minor is also interdisciplinary in nature, encouraging students to develop content specializations and field experience in a variety of departments. Students may integrate the core work in this minor with their major program, another minor program, a concentration, or a separate specialty area, although no more than one course may be double counted in the three former instances.

Requirements for the Minor in Public Policy Analysis and Management

A total of five course units are required for the minor, three core courses and a specialty consisting of a course and an internship in a designated content area.

Core: three courses required

POL 110/American Government

POL 300/Politics and Public Management

POL 305/American Public Policy.

Specialty: one substantive course and a one-course equivalent internship working in the same policy area. The student may undertake the internship for a minimum of one unit in the same department or program as the substantive course or enroll in POL399/Internship in Public Affairs and work in the same policy area as the substantive course. If a student has completed an appropriate credit or non-credit internship experience in the specialty area, an additional course may be substituted at the discretion of the adviser. Appropriate independent studies, topics courses, or other offerings may be counted toward the minor at the discretion of the minor advisor. The Political Science department offers, typically as POL 370 courses, a number of specialties. Past topics appropriate for the minor include “Healthcare Policy,” “The Policy Aspects of Budgeting,” and “Public Policy of Marijuana.” Please ask the minor coordinator if a specific POL 370 is appropriate for the minor.

Specialties outside of the Political Science department include:

Communications Policy

COM 403/Health Communications Campaigns

or

COM 441/Organizations and Leadership

Law Policy

CRI 499 /Senior Capstone in Policy Analysis*

**Prerequisite: CRI 306.*

Environmental Policy

ECO 350/Economics of Environmental Quality*

**Prerequisite: ECO 101*

Urban Policy

SOC 355/Introduction to Urban Planning

or

POL 318/Politics of Community Change

Gender Policy

WGS 330/Gender and Public Policy