Public Policy

The Public Policy major provides students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences that will not only prepare them for work in the employment fields listed below, but for many other jobs, postgraduate education, and self-employment opportunities. Students will become informed citizens, ready to participate and serve while we face serious problems, challenges, and choices as a society.

The Public Policy major is interdisciplinary by design, drawing from the social sciences (Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology), the humanities (Communication and Philosophy), and professional programs (Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, and Management). Both quantitative and qualitative methods are emphasized.

Employment:
* Federal/state government
* Law
* Health care
* City/regional planning
* Public Management
* Governmental affairs
* Military and security
* Policy campaign
* Management intelligence
* Foreign service
* Law enforcement
* Public relations

General Education Courses
- ECON 0100
- ECON 0110
- PS 0200 or SOC 0009
- STAT 0200, OR STAT 1000, OR STAT 1100
- PHIL 0300 OR PHIL 1380
- COMMRC 0320
- SOC 0010

Core Courses
- SOCSCI 0105
- ECON 0225
- COMMRC 1111
  OR 1153
- PS 1261
  OR PS 1265
- SOCSCI 0200

Elective Courses
Students choose 5 courses (15 credits). Students are to work with a faculty advisor to create a course of study. A partial list of available classes is provided below.

- ECON 0835
- ECON 0134
- MGMT 1125
- MGMT 1851
- PS 1541
- CJ 0002/SOC 0020
- CJ 0210
- SOC 0007
- SOC 0145
- SOC 0433
- SOC 0477
- SOC/PS 0335
- COMMRC 1127
- COMMRC 1410
- COMMRC 1220
- COMMRC 1153
- COMMRC 0500

7 courses - 22 credits
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- American Politics or American Society
- Basic Applied Statistics, Applied Statistics
- OR Probability and Statistics for Business
- Ethics OR Business Ethics
- Mass Communication Process
- Introduction to Sociology

5 courses - 15 credits
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Cost Benefit Analysis (Writing Course)
- Theories of Persuasion or Rhetoric and Public Policy
- American Public Policy OR Administration of Public Affairs
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences

Additional Requirements
3 courses - 9 credits
- Internship and Practicum Credits with (SOCSCI 1040) and Program Evaluation (6 cr.), and Public Policy Capstone Course (3 cr.)