



University of
Pittsburgh
Greensburg

Public Policy

undergraduate program

Public Policy

36 credits

Bachelor of Science

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, post graduate 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
- * Non-governmental organizations
- * Regional and international development
- * Non-Profit Organizations



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Core Courses

SOCSCI 0105
HIST 1010
COMMRC 1030
PS 1954
COMMRC 1111
COMMRC 1153
PS 1261
COMMRC 1104
PS 1265
SOCSCI 0200
SOCSCI 1040
SOCSCI 1114

5 courses - 15 credits

Introduction to Public Policy
Historical Inquiry and Methods *OR*
Research Methods in Communication Studies *OR*
Political Science Research Methods and Writing
Theories of Persuasion *OR*
Rhetoric and Public Policy
American Public Policy *OR*
Political Communication *OR*
Administration of Public Affairs
Research Methods in the Social Sciences *OR*
Program Evaluation *OR*
Qualitative Research Methods

Elective Courses

5 courses - 15 credits

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.*

SOCSCI 1850
ECON 0134
ECON 0835
MGMT 1125
MGMT 1851
HCM 1110

Special Topics
Public Economics
Government and the Economy
Business Economics
Labor Relations
Healthcare Policy, Law

CJ 0002/SOC 0020
CJ 0210
PS 1541
SOC 0007
SOC 0145
SOC/PS 0335
SOC 0433
SOC 0477
SOC 0600
SOC 1305

Crime, Law, and Public Policy
American System of Criminal Justice
Politics of Global Economic Relations
Social Problems
Drugs and Society
Sociology of Politics
Social Inequality
Medical Sociology
Racial and Ethnic Relations
Organizational Behavior

COMMRC 0500
COMMRC 1127
COMMRC 1153
COMMRC 1220
COMMRC 1410

Argument
Image Restoration in the Media
Rhetoric and Public Policy
Public Relations: Strategy and Practice
Film and Propaganda

Additional Requirements

2 courses - 6 credits

SOCSCI 1900
SOCSCI 1905
SOCSCI 1955

Internship *OR*
Practicum
Public Policy Capstone

General Education Courses

7 courses - 22 credits

COMMRC 0320
ECON 0100
ECON 0110
PS 0200 *OR* SOC 0009
PHIL 0300 *OR* PHIL 1380
SOC 0010
STAT 0200 *OR* STAT 1000
OR STAT 1100

Mass Communication Process
Introduction to Microeconomics
Introduction to Macroeconomics
American Politics *OR* American Society
Ethics OR Business Ethics
Introduction to Sociology
Basic Applied Statistics *OR* Applied Statistics
OR Probability and Statistics for Business