



PUBLIC SERVICE & POLICY MAJOR

Public Service and Policy is an interdisciplinary major designed to bring students to a deeper understanding of their roles in public service, the creation and implementation of public policy, and civic health. Learning is organized around three broad outcomes including understanding the context in which policy is created and implemented; cultivating a methodological toolkit that brings diverse evidence into public service and policymaking; and expanding communication, management, and leadership skills for public service impact. By understanding challenges and being well versed in the development of multiple, useful, and realistic solutions, graduates will contribute to the development of local, national, and global communities.



Suggested First- and Second- Year Courses

Composition or writing, economics, leadership, political science, public policy, regional studies, sociology, statistics, and courses that cover the areas of inquiry.

Declare the Major

This is a minimum requirement major. All students complete the following in order to declare the major:

- 45 college credits with a min 2.0 GPA
- 2.00 in PUBPOL 201 Intro to Public Policy & Governance

Declarations to join the major are reviewed quarterly to confirm minimum requirements are met and to ensure the degree can be completed within the University's satisfactory progress policies.

Transfer students can declare an intention to join the major and be admitted with the provision they complete PUBPOL 201 with min 2.0 in their first quarter.

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Major Requirements 70 credits

Policy Context 10 credits

PUBPOL 201 Intro to Public Policy (5)

And choose 5 credits:

PUBPOL 313 Evidence-Based Implementation (5)

PUBPOL 321 Decision-making, Behavior, & Design (5)

Methods 10 credits

PUBPOL 303 Methods of Policy Inquiry (5)

PUBPOL 301 Truth, Evidence, Policy Analytics (5)

Leadership & Management 10 credits

PUBPOL 302 Public Service Leadership (5)

And choose 5 credits:

PUBPOL 402 Ethics, Leadership, Implementation (5)

PUBPOL 403 Leadership in Action (5)

Application & Practice 5 credits

PUBPOL 496 Public Service & Policy Lab (5)

Statistics Choose 4-5 credits

Q METH 201 Intro to Statistical Methods (4)

Q SCI 381 Intro to Probability and Statistics (5)

STAT 220 Statistical Reasoning (5)

STAT 221 Statistical Concepts & Methods for SSc (5)

STAT 290 Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics (5)

STAT 311 Elements of Statistical Methods (5)

Interdisciplinary Selectives 15 credits

Choose 15 from among 100- and 200-level courses representing areas that inform public service and policy.

Upper-Division Electives Choose 15 credits

Choose 15 credits from among 300- and 400-level PUBPOL or approved courses.

In addition to major requirements above, students complete general education and area of inquiry requirements necessary for all bachelor's degrees.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Public Service and Policy major will have developed skills in policy systems analysis, communication, ethical decision-making, and leadership. By understanding the challenges and being well versed in the development of multiple, useful, and realistic solutions, graduates will contribute to the development of local, national, and global networks by making policy and implementing solutions.

They will be equipped to address challenges and contribute to local, national, and global policy networks. Career paths include public service across various government levels, roles in not-for-profit organizations, and business positions utilizing their policy knowledge. Additionally, graduates will be prepared for further studies in law, public health, public policy, and social sciences.

The major matches the mission of the Evans School to inspire public service and democratize public policy.