

Public Policy

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The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy

Public Policy is an interdisciplinary major that focuses on analytical decision making to study diverse subjects ranging from the processes of making, implementing and evaluating government policies to the ethical evaluation of contemporary social problems. It emphasizes quantitative and economic analysis, the study of political institutions that produce policy, and the examination of specific policy areas such as environment and health. The Public Policy major draws on coursework primarily from Economics and Government, but also on courses in Psychology, Sociology, Law, Philosophy, and others. Graduates from the undergraduate Public Policy program pursue a wide array of careers in public service, policymaking and politics, finding employment in governments at all levels, consulting firms that work with governmental clients, regulated industries as well as non-profits. Public Policy graduates regularly pursue graduate studies in business administration, economics, environmental studies, health policy and administration, law, political science, psychology, public administration, public policy analysis, social work, sociology and urban affairs. In addition to preparing Public Policy majors to be participants in the policy process, an important goal is also to teach students to be well-informed, capable citizens.

In addition to the interdisciplinary major, the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy offers other opportunities for students interested in public policy, such as:

Internships

A variety of internships are available to students. Internships provide a unique experience that enable students to apply their academic studies to a professional setting. These internships are sometimes done for course credit, monetary compensation or purely for the experience. Typically, internships involve some supervision from a faculty member. Course credit is available for internships, either through Public Policy or Interdisciplinary Studies 491: Public Affairs Internship course (1 credit). See page 59 for more information on internships.

The Undergraduate Major in Public Policy

Required Credit Hours: 33 (from courses below) In addition, the implicit requirements of Economics 101 and 102 add six more credits for the major.

Major Computing Requirement: The Major Computing Requirement is fulfilled by completion of one course listed under "Statistics" and one course listed under "Second Methods Course" in the Common Core of the public policy concentration

Major Writing Requirement: The Major Writing Requirement can be fulfilled by following the standard procedure for departmental majors in either the Department of Economics or Department of Government.

Core Requirements: There is a set of seven core classes. The remaining 12 hours of required courses for the major must be chosen from the list of approved electives from the Departments of Economics, Government, History, Mathematics, Psychology, Religion, Sociology and the School of Business.

General Requirements

1. A major in public policy shall consist of a minimum of 33 semester hours selected from the courses listed below.
2. There is a set of seven common core courses. This includes: Statistics (either Business 231, Economics 307, Mathematics 351 or Sociology 353), Government 350, Government 351, Economics 303, Economics 321, Ethics (Philosophy 303), and a second methods course (either Economics 308, Sociology 352 or Government 307).
3. The remaining 12 hours of required courses for the major must be chosen from the list of electives. While the list of electives includes courses in several topic areas, there is no requirement to take particular sets of courses.

Common Core

Students take seven common core courses as follows:

Government 350 - Introduction to Public Policy (Fall)
Government 351 - Introduction to Public Administration (Spring)

Economics 303 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
Economics 321 - Economics of the Public Sector (Fall)

Ethics:

Philosophy 303 - Ethics

Statistics (choose one):

Business 231 - Statistics
Economics 307 - Principles and Methods of Statistics
Mathematics 351 - Applied Statistics
Sociology 353 - Social Statistics (Spring)

Second Methods Course (choose one):

Economics 308 - Econometrics
Government 307 - Political Polling & Survey Analysis (Fall)
Sociology 352 - Methods of Social Research (Fall)

Electives

Students may choose a minimum of any four courses to fulfill the electives portion of their major. While there are several topic areas represented, students are free to choose any courses on the list to fulfill the requirements. In addition, students may petition to have a course that is not listed be approved for major elective credit.

Business 440 - International Business Management
Business 442 - Psychology of Decision Making
(Cross listed with PSYC 375)

Economics 304 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
Economics 308 - Econometrics (if not taken for core)
Economics 311 - Money and Banking
Economics 322 - Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Economics 341 - American Economic History
Economics 355 - Seminar in Population Economics
Economics 362 - Government Regulation of Business
Economics 382 - Comparative Economics
Economics 383 - Survey of Development Economics
Economics 408 - Time Series Econometrics
Economics 412 - Stabilization Policy
Economics 420 - Economics of Information
Economics 422 - Applied Environmental Economics
Economics 451 - Labor Market Analysis
Economics 452 - Income Distribution and Human Resources

Economics 456 - Economics of Health Care
Economics 460 - Economic Analysis of the Law
Economics 461 - Industrial Organization: Theory, Evidence and Cases

Economics 475 - International Trade Theory and Policy
 Economics 476 - International Finance and Open Economy Macroeconomics
 Government 307 - Political Polling and Survey Analysis (if not taken for core)
 Government 324 - U.S. Foreign Policy (will count toward major elective credit only if History 434 not selected)
 Government 328 - International Political Economy
 Government 353 - The Politics of States and Localities
 Government 360 - The American Welfare State
 Government 370 - The Legislative Process
 Government 371 - The Presidency
 Government 372 - American Legal Process
 Government 373 - Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
 Government 435 - Seminar: Political Economy of the Newly Industrializing Countries
 Government 454 - Seminar: The Politics of Metropolitan Areas
 Government 465 - Seminar: Public Opinion and Voting Behavior
 Government 470 - Seminar: Congress and the President
 History 434 - U.S. Foreign Relations (major elective credit only if Government 324 not selected)
 Mathematics 323 - Operations Research I - Deterministic Models
 Mathematics 424 - Operations Research II - Stochastic Models
 Psychology 320 - Community Psychology and Prevention
 Psychology 375 - Psychology of Decision Making (Cross listed with BUAD 442)
 Psychology 450 - Social Psychology and the Law
 Religious Studies 322 - Medicine and Ethics
 Sociology 302 - Criminology
 Sociology 306 - Urban Sociology
 Sociology 307 - Sociology of Education
 Sociology 308 - Environmental Sociology
 Sociology 311 - Birth, Sex, Death: Population and Society
 Sociology 352 - Methods of Social Research (if not taken for core)
 Sociology 362 - Medical Sociology
 Sociology 405 - Sociology of Aging
 Sociology 426 - Sociology of Mental Illness
 Sociology 427 - Globalization and the Environment
 Sociology 429 - Deviance and Social Control
 Public Policy 390 - Topics in Public Policy (as well as 300 and 400 level Topics courses in Economics, Government, History, Psychology and Sociology, provided that the course has a strong public policy focus)
 Public Policy 490 - Independent Study (as well as independent study in Economics, Government, History, Psychology and Sociology, provided that the project has a strong public policy focus)
 Public Policy 495, 496 - Public Policy Honors

Description of Courses

275W. University Seminar.

Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

A reading-, writing-, and discussion-intensive seminar. Topics vary by semester and by instructor. Restricted to transfer students and co-enrolled students. Students receiving a grade of "C-" or better in the seminar will have satisfied the lower-division writing requirement. This course does not fulfill the freshman seminar requirement.

*390. Topics in Public Policy.

Fall and Spring (3,3) Staff.

Selected topics in public policy. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester. This course may be repeated for credit.

*391. Seminar-Short Course in Public Policy.

Fall and Spring (1,1) Staff.

Selected topics in public policy. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester. This course may be repeated for credit.

†490. Independent Study.

Fall and Spring (3,3) McBeth.

Directed readings/research course conducted on individual or group basis on various topics in public policy. The course may not be taken more than twice.

†495-496. Honors.

Fall, Spring (3,3) McBeth.

Students admitted to the Public Policy Honors program will be enrolled in this course during both semesters of their senior year. Students are responsible for (a) reading a selected bibliography; (b) satisfactory completion by April 15th of an original scholarly essay; and (c) satisfactory performance on a comprehensive oral examination. A student who completes the Honors essay but does not achieve Honors may be given credit for Public Policy 490. For College provisions governing the Admission to Honors, see catalog section titled Honors and Special Programs.

†498. Internship.

Fall and Spring (3,3) McBeth.

This course may be repeated for credit.