Minor in Public Policy

The minor in Public Policy is designed to provide effective public policy training for individuals presently or prospectively involved in the public, nonprofit, or private sectors. Although based in the Political Science Department, the minor in Public Policy offers an interdisciplinary approach to public policy. The aim of the minor is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamental elements involved in the public policy process and the analytical skills necessary to make informed judgments about both the policy-making and implementation processes and substantive policy outcomes.

Curriculum

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<th>3 Required Core Courses</th>
<th>ECON 101 Introductory Economics I OR ECON 102 Introductory Economics II: micro OR macro economics</th>
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<td>POLSCI 203 Foundations of Public Policy</td>
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<td>ECON 205 Statistical Methods, OR PSYCH 270 Statistics, OR SOCIOL 350 Elements of Social Statistics, OR MATH 125 Introduction to Statistics, OR POLSCI 350 Political Research Methods, OR SOC 351 Research Methods</td>
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<td>3 Elective Courses</td>
<td>Students must take elective courses from at least 2 of the following Areas (Area I-VI): (1) Ethics and Public Policy, (2) Urban and Regional Policy, (3) Environmental Policy, (4) Social Welfare Policy, (5) Public Administration and Management, and (6) Comparative and International Public Policy. See the list of Area electives on the back of this page.</td>
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<td>Total Courses Required</td>
<td>6 (18 credits).</td>
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<td>Departmental Requirement</td>
<td>No more than 4 courses for the minor may be taken in any one department.</td>
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<td>Level Requirement</td>
<td>At least 2 of the 6 courses must be at the 300-level, and no more than 2 courses at the 100-level can be applied to the minor.</td>
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<td>Other Requirements</td>
<td>- Only one course may be double-counted with another major or minor.</td>
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<td>- Only one course for the minor can be taken pass/fail.</td>
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<td>- 2.0 GPA graduation requirement.</td>
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<td>- A minimum of three courses must be taken at UMB.</td>
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To Enroll in the Public Policy Minor: Students should complete a Major/Minor Declaration Form -- available at the Campus Center One Stop or in the department office.

Internships: Students pursuing an internship with a public policy dimension may receive up to 6 hours of Area course credit by enrolling in Political Science 488 or 489. To do so, students must meet with the Political Science Internship Coordinator in advance of the semester in which credit is sought. Students must also obtain approval from the director of the Public Policy Minor.
### Area 1 Electives: Ethics and Public Policy

- ANTH 352: Applied Social Anthropology
- PHIL 108: Moral and Social Problems
- PHIL 215: Philosophy and Public Policy
- PHILOS 222: Moral Issues and Medicine

### Area 2 Electives: Urban and Regional Policy

- ANTH 252: Urban Anthropology
- AFRSTY 320: Problems in Urban Education
- ECON 318: Economics of State and Local Government
- ENVSCI 340: Planning and Land Use Law
- ENVSCI 375: Urban Planning
- POLSCI 340: Boston: Coop and Conflict in the Urban Environ
- POLSCI 344: Problems of Urban Politics

### Area 3 Electives: Environmental Policy

- ECON 345L: Natural Resources & Sustainable Development
- ECON 349: Economic Approaches to Environmental Problems
- ENVSCI 340: Planning and Land Use Law
- PHILOS 220: Environmental Ethics

### Area 4 Electives: Social Welfare Policy

- ANTH 252: Urban Anthropology
- ANTH /AMST 301L: Childhood in America
- ANTH 352: Applied Social Anthropology
- ECON 380: Health Economics
- ECON 395: The Economics of Social Welfare
- ECON 420: Gender and Economics
- POLSCI 335: Law & Public Policy
- POLSCI 320: Women, Politics, and Public Policy
- POLSCI 322: Politics of Poverty and U.S. Social Welfare Policy
- POLSCI 406: Politics in Food Security
- SOCIOL 160: Social Problems
- WGS 260: Women's Health Care

### Area 5 Electives: Public Administration and Management

- ANTH 615: Public Archaeology
- ECON 417: Public Finance
- POLSCI 311: Political Parties
- POLSCI 318: Legislative Process
- POLSCI 324: American Presidency
- POLSCI 325: Public Administration
- POLSCI 345: Sports, Politics, and Policy

### Area 6 Electives: Comparative and International Public Policy

- ANTH 295L: Introduction to Human Rights
- ANTH 346: Culture, Globalization, and the Environment
- EEOS 260: Global Environmental Change
- ECON 334: International Trade
- ECON 335: International Finance
- ECON 336: Economic Development
- ECON 337: Emerging Economies in Asia
- ECON 338: The Latin American Economy
- ECON 339: Political Economy of International Migration
- ECON 372: Comparative Economic Systems
- ECON 435: The Multinational Corporation
- HIST 290G: Globalization in Historical Perspective
- POLSCI 265L World War II Internment of Japanese Americans
- POLSCI 368 Comparative Immigration Politics
- POLSCI 424 American Foreign Policy
- POLSCI 430 Russian Foreign Policy
- POLSCI 435 Foreign Policy Analysis
- SOCIOL 355L: Gender, Development and Globalization
- SOCIOL 372: Globalization and Social Change
- WGS 295L: Introduction to Human Rights
- WGS 355L: Gender, Development and Globalization

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