

Applied Public Policy

Public policies - such as criminal and civil laws, social service programs, tax codes, environmental laws, planning and land use regulations, among others - affect our lives daily. Such policies are generated by interaction between governments and individuals.

The Applied Public Policy minor offers students the opportunity to acquire a more sophisticated understanding of the public policy process and policy analysis along with a basic set of skills needed to communicate with and perhaps influence decision makers. It is intended to complement majors in related programs such as business, geography, political science, economics, urban and regional planning, environmental studies, and others. Students who complete the Applied Public Policy minor will have the tools needed to be more active leaders in their chosen professions.

Programs

- Applied Public Policy *minor*

Career Directions

Business
Criminal Justice
Environmental Policy
Health Care
Land Use Planning
Social Work
Also: Graduate Study

Preparation

Recommended High School Courses

English
Social Studies
Math
Speech
History
Computers
Languages

Recommended Activities

Reading Newspapers
Attention to News Events

Applied Public Policy *minor*

Required Credits: 32

Required GPA: 2.00

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ECON 2000 Markets and Resource Allocation (3 credits)
- ECON 3010 Public Economics (3 credits)
- ECON 3230 Benefit/Cost Analysis (3 credits)
- GEOG 2400 Introduction to Planning (3 credits)
- POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)
- POL 3200 Minnesota Politics (3 credits)
- POL 3210 Public Administration (3 credits)

II REQUIRED OPTION

SELECT 12 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

A. ENVR POLICY:

- GEOG 3560 Metropolitan Land Use Planning (3 credits)
- POL 3230 Environmental Politics (3 credits)
- SOC 3050 Environmental Sociology (3 credits)
- ECON 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)
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B. PLANNING:

- GEOG 2100 Introduction to Physical Geography (3 credits)

- GEOG 3570 Public Lands Planning (3 credits)
- GEOG 3560 Metropolitan Land Use Planning (3 credits)
- GEOG 3580 Regional Development Planning (3 credits)

C. AM POL/ECON:

- ECON 2100 Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle (3 credits)
- ECON 3070 Labor Economics (3 credits)
- ECON 3200 Economics of the Financial Sector (3 credits)
- POL 3410 Legislative and Executive Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3420 Campaigns and Elections (3 credits)

D. INT/POL/ECON:

- ECON 2100 Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle (3 credits)
- ECON 3400 International Trade and Finance (3 credits)
- POL 1300 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3170 International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3180 International Law and Organization (3 credits)
- POL 3190 International Political Economy (3 credits)

E. PUBLIC POLICY SERVICE LEARNING

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE. (1 credit per semester; must be taken twice, but no more than 4 credits total)

- POL 3910 Directed Independent Study: Student Leadership (1 credit)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- POL 3970 Internship (3 credits)

Courses

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All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY

1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY

1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE

1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE

1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR

1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION

1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP

1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH

1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS