

The Ohio State University
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences

Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspectives Minor (PPM SBS, 299)

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Public policy refers to societal actions to solve problems. The minor focuses on understanding social and behavioral science perspectives on public policy issues, with a focus on domestic policy issues facing the U.S. Students in the minor are provided an excellent vehicle for integrating ideas drawn from several social science disciplines around issues of real world significance.

The Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences minor requires the completion of 24 credit hours, which consists of two core courses, two specialization courses, and a capstone requirement. Students are encouraged to pursue an internship in government agencies, advocacy groups, or other organization involved in public policy. A departmental internship course up to 5 credit hours may be substituted for a specialization with approval of the minor advisor. Overlap with the GEC is permitted. Students should meet with the coordinating advisor **prior** to selecting the specialization area to plan their minor program. Any variations from the minor, including an internship experience, require the approval of the coordinating advisor.

Prerequisite to the minor (5 credit hours):

Economics 200: Principles of Microeconomics (5) OR
AED Econ 200: Principles of Food and Resource Economics (5)

Required core courses (10 credit hours)

Students are required to select Political Science 305 and a choice of one of three core courses:

All students select:

Political Science 305: Introduction to Public Policy (5)

Choose one:

Economics 532: Public Expenditures and Cost-Benefit Analysis (5)
AED Econ 631: Benefit-Cost Analysis (5)
Public Pol and Mgmt 522: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (5)

Specialized Subject Area Courses (9 – 10 credit hours)

The goal of the specialization is that all students emerge with knowledge about a substantive social science area where public policy issues are highly relevant. Students must select two courses in a single area and both courses may be in the same department.

Business and Labor:

Econ 570, 580, 615
Geog 640, 642
Poli Sci 511
Psych 522
Sociol 203

Communication:

Anthrop 630
Comm 240, 341, 501, 604, 607, 614
Poli Sci 609
Psych 371, 630
Sociol 608
Sph/Hrng 310, 605

Crime and Criminal Justice:

Econ 371, 479, 597.01
Poli Sci 515
Psych 485, 684
Sociol 209, 210, 309, 311, 410, 507, 510, 511, 609, 611, 615, 618, 673.02

Environment and Natural Resources:

AED Econ 434, 531, 597
Geog 210, H410, 420, 430, 597.02, 630, 635
Nat Res 203, 400, 540, 642, 647, 736
Polit Sci 559

Gender:

Anthro 597.02
Econ 482, 553
Poli Sci 512, 513, 514
Psych 375, 543
Sociol H367.03, 435, 463, 510, 608

Policy Methods:

*Please note: Only **one** of the following courses can be counted toward the specialization: Econ/Int Stds 443, Poli Sci 585, Psych 320, Soc 487.*

AED Econ 503
Econ 444, 501, Econ/Int Stds 443
Geog 607
Poli Sci 585
Psych 320, 321, 508
Sociol 487

Social Welfare:

Anthrop 601.01, 601.04
Comm 636.02
Econ 530, 553
Geog 240, 643, 670
Polit Sci 578
Psych 531
Sociol 306, 320, 407, 434, 450, 463, 467, 597.02, 623, 630
Sph/Hrng 510

Race and Ethnicity:

Anthro 597.04
Econ 485
Poli Sci 504, 508, 608
Psych 375, 545, 646
Sociol 380, 382, 463, 608
Sph/Hrng 310, 605

Security:

AED Econ/Int Stds 280
Econ 547, 556
Geog 445, 465
Poli Sci 552
Psych 525
PubPol&M 670

Size and Scope of Government:

Econ 530, 615
Geog 460
Poli Sci 304, 507, 510, 511, 577, 578, 580, 678, 679

Urban:

Anthro 626
Econ 590, 592
Geog 597.01, 650, 652, 655, 660
Poli Sci 505, 608, 614
Sociol 367.02, 391

Capstone Requirement (5 credit hours)

CHOOSE ONE:
SBS 591: Capstone Course in Public Policy OR
Departmental H783: Thesis Option with Public Policy focus

PLEASE NOTE: Some courses require prerequisites beyond the GEC Social Science requirement and AED Econ 200 or Econ 200.

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 20 (some minors require more)

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).

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