

Public Policy Minor

Faculty

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Public policy, as defined by Kraft and Furlong (2007), is “what public officials within government, and by extension the citizens they represent, choose to do or not to do about public problems. Public problems refer to conditions the public widely perceives to be unacceptable and therefore requiring intervention.” The minor in Public Policy is designed to give Bucknell students from a variety of academic majors the additional analytical and theoretical skills to supplement their academic majors and to participate knowledgeably and effectively in the public arena once they leave Bucknell, whether as policy makers or as engaged citizens.

The gateway course is an interdisciplinary Public Policy course that incorporates public policy theories and topics from two or more social sciences. The methods requirement ensures that students have exposure to at least one social science research discipline. Elective courses offered in various disciplines give students the opportunity to apply the basic theoretical and analytical tools to specific areas of public policy. These courses will prepare students completing the minor for graduate programs in public policy and other social science disciplines, as well as for fruitful careers in government and industry.

The minor consists of an introductory course, and either a social science research methods course and three electives from the list below, or, if the student has fulfilled the methods requirement in their major, the minor consists of the introductory course and four of the elective courses. Sociology majors wishing to fulfill the Public Policy minor may count SOCI 208 Methods of Social Research or SOCI 209 Analyzing the Social World as their methods requirement, but these courses are not open to non-majors. Students must distribute their electives in the following way:

- For depth, they must take exactly two electives from a single department and,
- For breadth, the third (and fourth if applicable) elective must be taken from a different department.
- None of the electives may be in the same discipline as the student's major.

Core Course

Methods Course in Social Sciences

UNIV 225	Introduction to Public Policy	1
Select one of the following:		1
ANTH 201	Field Research in Local Communities	
ECON 441	Econometrics	
EDUC 362	Quantitative Research Methods	
EDUC 364	Qualitative Research Methods	
ENST 302	Environmental Research Design	
PSYC 289	Research Methods in Health Psychology	
PSYC 291	Research Methods in Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 295	Research Methods in Emotion	
PSYC 297	Research Methods in Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 298	Research Methods in Personality	
PSYC 299	Research Methods in Social Psychology	
SOCI/ANTH 201	Field Research in Local Communities	

Electives in Different Disciplines ¹

Select three of the following:

ANTH 235	Modern Africa
ANTH 251	Women and Development
ANTH 252	Ritual, Resistance, and Rebellion in South America
ANTH 260	Environmental Anthropology
ANTH 267	Anthropology of Tourism
CEEG 432	Sustainable Transportation Planning
ECON 103	Economic Principles and Problems
ECON 222	Economic Topics
ECON 231	Resources and the Environment

ECON 236	Unemployment and Poverty
ECON 237	Health Politics and Health Policy
ECON 238	Urban Economics
ECON 311	Labor Economics
ECON 328	Money and Financial Institutions
EDUC 327	Immigrant Youth in U.S. Society
ECON 412	Health Economics
ECON 413	Public Finance
ECON 431	Industrial Organization Economics
EDUC 327	Immigrant Youth in U.S. Society
EDUC 350	Higher Education in the United States
ENST 100	Introduction to Environmental Studies
ENST 215	Environmental Planning
ENST 226	Water Politics and Policies
ENST 245	Environmental Policy and Politics
ENST 255	Environmental Injustice
ENST 260	Environmental Law
ENST 355	Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy
GEOG 257	Global Environmental Change
GEOG 345	Food and the Environment
POLS 140	American Politics
MGMT 302	The Stakeholder Organization
MSUS 300	Managing for Sustainability I
POLS 140	American Politics
POLS 231	American Public Policy
POLS 234	State and Local Internship Program
POLS 240	The American Congress
POLS 248	Political Behavior
POLS 263	Race and Ethnicity in American Legal Thought
POLS 271	American Foreign Policy
POLS 272	U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 351	Social Policies in Rich Democracies
PSYC 211	Health Psychology
SOCI 123	Law and Society
SOCI 130	Medicine and Society
SOCI 215	Human Service Systems
SOCI 235	Nongovernmental Organizations
SOCI 245	Remaking America: Latin American Immigration
WMST 332	Women and the Penal System

¹ Other courses may count as a Public Policy elective with the approval of the coordinator.