

PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

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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 UNIV 225 Introduction to Public Policy is an introductory 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, a social science research methods course, and three electives from the list below. 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 ¹

UNIV 225	Introduction to Public Policy	1
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Methods Course in Social Sciences

Select one of the following: 1

ANTH 201	Field Research in Local Communities	1
ECON 241	Econometrics	1
EDUC 362	Quantitative Research Methods	1
EDUC 364	Qualitative Research Methods	1
POLS 296	Quantitative Methods	1
POLS 297	Qualitative Methods	1
PSYC 291	Advanced Methods in Abnormal Psychology	1
PSYC 297	Advanced Methods in Developmental Psychology	1
PSYC 298	Advanced Methods in Personality	1
PSYC 299	Advanced Methods in Social Psychology	1
SOCI/ANTH 201	Field Research in Local Communities	1
UNIV 140	Introduction to Social Science Research Methods	.5

Electives in Different Disciplines ²

Select three of the following: 3

ANTH 202	Ecopolitics in Latin America	1
ANTH 235	Modern Africa	1
ANTH 248	Latin America: Challenges for the 21st Century	1
ANTH 251	Women and Development	1
ANTH 260	Environmental Anthropology	1
ANTH 267	Anthropology of Tourism	1
CEEG 432	Sustainable Transportation Planning	1
ECON 103	Economic Principles and Problems	1
ECON 225	Cultivating Change	1

ECON 231	Economics of Climate Change	1
ECON 236	Gender, Race and Poverty	1
ECON 237	Health Politics and Health Policy	1
ECON 238	Urban Economics	1
ECON 271	The British Economy: Structures and Policies	1
ECON 277	The French Economy: Structures and Policies	1
ECON 280	Political Economy of Media and Advertising	1
ECON 311	Labor Economics	1
ECON 313	Public Economics	1
ECON 328	Money and Financial Institutions	1
ECON 412	Health Economics	1
ECON 431	Industrial Organization Economics	1
EDUC 101	Social Foundation of Education	1
EDUC 227	Immigrant Youth in U.S. Society	1
EDUC 232	Remaking Public Education	1
EDUC 350	Higher Education in the United States	1
ENST 209	Ecopolitics in Latin America	1
ENST 215	Environmental Planning	1
ENST 226	Water Politics and Policies	1
ENST 245	Environmental Policy and Politics	1
ENST 255	Environmental Injustice	1
ENST 355	Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy	1
GEOG 216	Borders and Politics of Mobility	1
GEOG 234	Human Ecology	1
GEOG 236	Third World Development	1
GEOG 257	Climate Change	1
GEOG 345	Food and the Environment	1
HIST 274	Africa and International Relations in Historical Perspective	1
IREL 210	The Politics of International Aid and Development	1
IREL 229	Middle East Conflict and Revolution	1
IREL 240	Human Security	1
IREL 252	Political Economy of Global Resources	1
IREL 272	Poverty Amid Plenty: Development in India and South Asia	1
IREL 275	Global Governance	1
IREL 276	Comparative Foreign Policy	1
LAMS 202	Ecopolitics in Latin America	1
LAMS 250	Latin America: Challenges for the 21st Century	1
MGMT 302	The Stakeholder Organization	1
MSUS 215	Topics in Managing for Sustainability	.5-1
MSUS 301	Managing for Sustainability II	1
MSUS 315	Advanced Topics in Managing for Sustainability	.5-1
MSUS 316	Organizing for Justice and Social Change	1
MSUS 320	Sustainable Development Management	1
POLS 140	American Politics	1
POLS 231	American Public Policy	1
POLS 234	State and Local Internship Program	1
POLS 240	The American Congress	1
POLS 248	Political Psychology	1
POLS 257	Ethics and Public Policy	1
POLS 263	Race and Ethnicity in American Legal Thought	1
POLS 271	American Foreign Policy	1
POLS 272	U.S. National Security Policy	1

POLS 364	Justice and Public Policy	1
SOCI 123	Law and Society	1
SOCI 130	Medicine and Society	1
SOCI 235	Nongovernmental Organizations	1
SOCI 245	Remaking America: Latin American Immigration	1
SOCI 247	Class and Politics in the US	1
SOCI 322	Sociology of Medicine	1
UNIV 200	Integrated Perspectives Course (Climate Change, Science and Policy)	1
WMST 332	Women and the Penal System	1

¹ In some circumstances, students may substitute the main anchor course, Introduction to Public Policy (UNIV 225), with American Public Policy (POLS 231).

² Other courses may count as a public policy elective with the approval of the coordinator.