

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 after they leave Bucknell, whether as policymakers 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
ECON 241	Econometrics
EDUC 362	Quantitative Research Methods
EDUC 364	Qualitative Research Methods
POLS 296	Quantitative Methods
POLS 297	Qualitative Methods
PSYC 285	Advanced Methods in Critical Community Psychology
PSYC 287	Advanced Methods in Critical Multicultural Psychology
PSYC 291	Advanced Methods in Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 297	Advanced Methods in Developmental Psychology
PSYC 298	Advanced Methods in Personality
PSYC 299	Advanced Methods in Social Psychology
SOCI 201	Field Research in Local Communities
UNIV 140	Introduction to Social Science Research Methods

Electives in Different Disciplines ²

Select three of the following: 3

ANTH 202	Rainforests and Eco-Politics in Latin America
ANTH 248	Latin America: Challenges for the 21st Century
ANTH 251	Gender, Power and Global Development
ANTH 260	Environmental Anthropology
ANTH 267	Anthropology of Tourism
CEEG 432	Sustainable Transportation Planning
ECON 101	Economic Principles/Problems
ECON 210	Introduction to Behavioral Economics

ECON 231	Economics of Climate Change
ECON 236	Gender, Race and Poverty
ECON 237	Health Politics and Health Policy
ECON 277	The French Economy: Structures and Policies
ECON 280	Political Economy of Media and Advertising
ECON 311	Labor Economics
ECON 313	Public Economics
ECON 328	Money and Financial Institutions
ECON 405	Comparative Economic Systems
ECON 412	Health Economics
ECON 431	Industrial Organization Economics
EDUC 101	Diversity, Equity and the Foundations of American Education
EDUC 227	Immigrant Youth in U.S. Society
EDUC 232	Remaking Public Education
EDUC 350	Higher Education in the United States
ENST 209	Rainforests and Eco-Politics in Latin America
ENST 215	Environmental Planning
ENST 226	Water & Power
ENST 245	Environmental Politics, Policy, & Justice
ENST 255	Environmental Injustice and Activism
ENST 355	Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy
GEOG 216	Borders and Politics of Mobility
GEOG 234	Human Ecology
GEOG 257	Climate Change
GEOG 345	Food and the Environment
HIST 274	Africa and International Relations in Historical Perspective
HIST 374	Human Trafficking: Ancient to Present Day
IREL 229	Middle East Conflict and Revolution
IREL 240	Human Security
IREL 252	Political Economy of Global Resources
IREL 275	Global Governance
IREL 276	Foreign Policy Analysis
LAMS 202	Rainforests and Eco-Politics in Latin America
LAMS 250	Latin America: Challenges for the 21st Century
POLS 140	American Politics
POLS 231	American Public Policy
POLS 240	The American Congress
POLS 248	Political Psychology
POLS 257	Ethics and Public Policy
POLS 263	Race and Ethnicity in American Legal Thought
POLS 271	American Foreign Policy
POLS 272	U.S. National Security Policy
POLS 364	Justice and Public Policy
PSYC 230	Critical Community Psychology
PSYC 240	Critical Multicultural Psychology
SOCI 245	Remaking America: Latin American Immigration
SOCI 247	Class and Politics in the US
SOCI 332	Women and the Penal System
UNIV 200	Integrated Perspectives Course (Climate Change, Science and Policy)
WMST 251	Gender, Power and Global Development
WMST 332	Women and the Penal System

¹ 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.