Public Policy Minor

Requirements for Political Science Minors

A general minor in political science can be arranged, as well as specialized minors in eight different subfields of the discipline. Interested students should see a faculty adviser to plan a coherent program of study as a minor field.

Students must achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA in the political science courses chosen to qualify for the minor. Students may count no more than 3 hours in political science taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis toward the minor. Students taking an internship POL SCI 3940 may count no more than three hours of the internship toward the minor.

Specific Requirements for the Minor

Course Number	Title	Hours
POL SCI 2420	Introduction to Public Policy	3
Select four of the following:		12
POL SCI 2300	State Politics	
POL SCI 2330	The American Presidency	
POL SCI 2350	Introduction to Urban Politics	
POL SCI 2400	Public Administration	
POL SCI 2430	Public and Nonprofit Organizational Behavior	
POL SCI 3440	Public and Nonprofit Budgeting	
POL SCI 3450	Urban Administration	
POL SCI 3460	The Politics of Poverty and Welfare	
POL SCI 3480	Environmental Policy	
POL SCI 3900	Special Readings (when appropriate)	
POL SCI 3940	Public Affairs Internship (when appropriate)	
Total Hours		**15**

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate understanding of theories, concepts and practices relevant to public policy.
- Describe and apply the models used to analyze and create public policy.
- Assess public policy issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations, and communicate them with clarity and coherence.