

## **NEW (2<sup>nd</sup> major) coming in 2010-11: The Public Policy Major at Gettysburg College**

The public policy major at Gettysburg College offers a flexible, rigorous, multidisciplinary curriculum that provides training for students interested in problem solving in domestic or international public arenas. The core courses focus on the nature of public policy, including the process of problem recognition and articulation, policy development, ethical and legal deliberation and methods of policy impact assessment. The major in public policy emphasizes quantitative and economic analysis, the study of political institutions that make policy, and the examination of specific policy areas chosen by the student. Courses include analytic methods, economic concepts, ethical analysis of political institutions, grounding in history, and field experience gained from a required internship. Students choose advanced courses focusing on particular policy areas according to their interests, with the guidance of a Faculty Coordinator. A capstone policy seminar provides a vehicle for the formal analysis of a substantial public policy problem.

The public policy major encourages students to achieve many of the goals that shape the Gettysburg College vision of a liberal arts education. They are expected to draw upon skills from multiple disciplines, to learn to write well, to read critically, to assess significant ethical issues that affect policy debate, and to think analytically about global and domestic problems.

Public Policy graduates regularly pursue graduate studies in business administration, economics, environmental studies, health policy and administration, law, political science, psychology, public administration, public policy analysis, social work, sociology and urban affairs.

The Public Policy Major serves as a *second major* for students whose study of public policy builds on the substantive knowledge of the first major. Students interested in science policy might choose the public policy major after their declaration of physics as a first major. Students interested in health policy might choose the public policy major after a declaration of Health Sciences or Biology. Students interested in family policy might choose the public policy major after declaration of a Sociology major. The Public Policy Major is intended to accommodate students from a wide range of interests which include a public policy dimension.

The requirements for the major are as follows:

### **Five required courses (all public policy majors must take):**

1. POL 201 Intro to Public Policy
2. Economics 101
3. POL 101 or POL104
4. Comparative Methods
5. Public Policy 400 (capstone)

### **Seven requirements that can be filled in a variety of ways:**

1. Stats I (Choose from six statistics courses)
2. Values and Public Policy (Choose from 9 Philosophy, 2 Religion courses, and 1 ES course)
3. Basic Econ Theory and Public Policy (Choose from 14 Economic courses)
4. Applied Econ/Public Policy (Choose from 12 Economic courses)
5. Policy and Policy Making (Choose from Political Science, History, and other relevant options)
6. Policy course related to major (Approval of public policy advisor)
7. Public Policy Internship (Approval of public policy advisor)