Public Policy

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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. 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 public policy major is intended to accommodate students from a wide range of interests that include a public policy dimension and 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 as their major. Students interested in family policy might choose the public policy major in conjunction with a sociology major.

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 formal analysis of a substantial public policy problem is undertaken in a capstone policy seminar.

The major encourages students to achieve many of the goals that shape the Gettysburg College vision of a liberal arts education. Students 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.

Program Requirements

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All Public Policy majors are required to have another major in addition to Public Policy.

All public policy majors are required to take:

- Pol Sci 101 or Pol Sci 104
- Pol Sci 221 Intro to Public Policy
- Econ 103 or Econ 104
- Pub Pol 400 (capstone)

An additional six requirements can be filled in a variety of ways:

- Stats I (choose from six statistics courses)
- Values and Public Policy (choose from nine philosophy, two religion courses, and one ES course)
- Econ Theory and Public Policy (choose from 14 economic courses)
- Policy and Policy Making (choose from political science, history, and other relevant options)
- Elective course related to the student's policy interest (approval by public policy advisor)
- PP 470 Public Policy Internship (approval by public policy advisor)

Courses that Fulfill the Stats I Requirement

BIO 260 Biostatistics
ECON 241 Introductory Economics and Business Statistics
HS 232 Statistics for Health Sciences
MATH 107 Applied Statistics
OMS 235 Statistical Methods
POL 215 Methods in Political Science
PSYCH Introduction to Statistics
SOC 302 Research Methods
SOC 303 Data Analysis and Statistics

Courses that Fulfill the Values and Public Policy Requirement

ES 225 Introduction to Environmental Humanities
HS 320 Public Health
HS 322 Global Health
PHIL 105 Contemporary Moral Issues
PHIL 230 Ethics
PHIL 222 Philosophical Perspectives of Justice
PHIL 218 Gender and Identity
PHIL 219 Philosophy of Peace and Nonviolence
PHIL 224 Philosophy and Human Rights

PHIL 318 Ethics, Choices and Economic Life
PHIL 364 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 328 Deliberative Democracy
REL 331 Religion and Technology
REL 320 Religion and Colonialism

Courses that Fulfill the Economic Theory and Public Policy Requirement

ECON 211 American Economic History
ECON 212 African Econ Development & History
ECON 213 East Asian Economies
ECON 214 Latin American Economic History & Development
ECON 215 Economics of Transition
ECON 216 Political Economy of Oil
ECON 217 British Economic History
ECON 221 Current Issues in Economics
ECON 222 Issues in Environmental and Resource Economics
ECON 223 Topics in Political Economy
ECON 232 Gender & Economics
ECON 233 Economics and Race
ECON 234 Economics of Sports
ECON 235 The Great Depression
ECON 243 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 245 Intermediate Microeconomics

Courses that Fulfill the Policy and Policy Making Requirement

HIST 236 Urbanism in American History
HIST 248 Poverty and Welfare in American History
POL 242 United States Foreign Policy
POL 251 Political Economy Advanced Industrialized Societies
POL 252 North-South Dialogue
POL 324 Executive Policy Making
POL 327 State Politics and Policy
POL 333 Environmental Policy
POL 340 Models & Policy Analysis
POL 344 U.S. National Security Policy
POL 351 The Political Economy of Armed Conflict
POL 211 Intro East Central European Politics
POL 223 U.S. Congress
POL 224 The American Presidency
POL 225 American Constitutional Law
POL 260 West European Politics

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POL 265 African Politics
POL 270 Government & Politics in China
POL 271 Government and Politics in Japan
POL 275 Latin American Politics
POL 312 Transitions to Democracy
POL 321 Gender in American Politics
POL 322 Civil Rights & Liberties
POL 323 Religion and Politics in the United States
POL 362 Peasants, Politics & Rebellion

No more than **three** courses used to fulfill the requirements of a student's first major may count toward the Public Policy major.

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