

# Public Policy, Minor

The minor in public policy is well-suited for students majoring in economics, political science, education, sociology, criminology, pre-law, human rights, social justice, social work, geography, sustainability, environmental policy and planning, civil and environmental engineering, health and public health, business, anthropology, history, journalism and mass communication, African American studies, and Native American and Indigenous studies among other areas.

## Requirements

The undergraduate minor in public policy requires 15 s.h. of coursework taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.00 in work for the minor. Coursework in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

The minor in public policy requires the following coursework.

## Core Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
PBAF:3117/ POLI:3117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration	3
PBAF:3560/ POLI:3560/ RHET:3560/ SJUS:3560	Public Policy and Persuasion	3
PBAF:4205	Economics for Policy Analysis (with consent of instructor)	3
PBAF:4233	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PBAF:4340	Public Policy Analysis	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3

## Electives

Students must select at least three electives (9 s.h.) with at least one Group A elective from the lists below.

### Group A

Course #	Title	Hours
At least one of these:		
PBAF:3117/ POLI:3117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration (if not taken as a core course)	3
PBAF:3560/ POLI:3560/ RHET:3560/ SJUS:3560	Public Policy and Persuasion (if not taken as a core course)	3
PBAF:3570/ GHS:3570	Poverty Policy	3
PBAF:4205	Economics for Policy Analysis (if not taken as a core course)	3
PBAF:4233	Public Finance and Budgeting (if not taken as a core course)	3
PBAF:4340	Public Policy Analysis (if not taken as a core course)	3

URP:1030/ PBAF:1030	Climate Leadership and Justice	3
URP:2020/ PBAF:2020	Environment and Society: Sustainability, Policy, and Politics	3
URP:2056/ PBAF:2056	The Splendor of Cities	3
URP:4225	Applied GIS for Planning and Policy Making	3
URP:4256	Environmental Policy	3
URP:4260	Transportation Policy and Planning	3
URP:4271	Housing Policy	3
URP:4280	Planning for Disaster Mitigation and Recovery	3
URP:4295	Economic Development Policy	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy (if not taken as a core course)	3

### Group B

Course #	Title	Hours
PBAF:3580	Native American Public Policy	3
CRIM:2210	Iowa Criminal Justice Policy and Reform	3
CRIM:3600	Crime and Public Policy	3
CRIM:4120	Environmental Criminology	3
GEOG:3780/ GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
GEOG:3800	Environmental Economics and Policy	3
HHP:4030	Social Determinants of Health	3
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3104/ LAS:3104/ LATS:3104	Immigration Politics	3
POLI:3114	Women and Politics in the United States	3
POLI:3123	State Politics in Iowa	3
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	3
POLI:3160	Applied Research in Political Science	1-3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3

## Admission

## Declaring the Minor

Students may declare the minor in MyUI as soon as they are enrolled in any of the public policy minor courses.

Those interested in pursuing the minor must meet with the minor advisor, be briefed on the minor expectations for performance, and complete a plan of study that must be approved by the minor advisor.

For more information, contact the School of Planning and Public Affairs.