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 minor in public policy is available beginning in the spring 2022 semester.

The undergraduate minor in public policy requires 15 s.h. of coursework taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a g.p.a. 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

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<td>POLI:3111</td>
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Electives

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

Group A

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<td>Environment and Society: Sustainability, Policy, and Politics</td>
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<td>Policy, Environmental, and Social Determinants of Health</td>
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<td>Research Task Force: Solving Policy Problems Through Research</td>
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<td>SOC:2810</td>
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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.