

Undergraduate Public Policy Major — General Education Requirements

General education requirements largely follow those of the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences requirements listed below. In some instances, PIA courses – including required courses for the major or pre-requisites – and other electives that satisfy General Education requirements are noted below.

- Diversity courses are allowed to overlap with one other general education requirement
- Writing (“W”) courses are allowed to overlap with one other general education requirement

See the DSAS Catalog for a list of all approved courses.

Category	Minimum PIA Requirements
Writing / Communication (9 credits total)	ENGCOMP 0200: Freshman Writing Seminar (3 credits) Two additional intensive writing courses (6 credits) <i>One may be satisfied by PIA 0601: Ideas to Impact: Persuasive Communication for Public Policy</i>
Algebra / Quantitative & Formal Reasoning (up to 6 credits)	Algebra (3 credits) <i>Exceptions for a Math SAT score of 620 or higher, a Math ACT score of 27 or higher, or completion of a high school Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus course with a grade of B or higher</i> Quantitative & Formal Reasoning (3 credits) <i>May be satisfied by STAT 0200, STAT 1000, or STAT 1100 pre-requisite</i>
Language (up to 6 credits total)	Second language (6 credits) <i>Exemption with 3 years of the same language in high school with a B or higher each year</i>
Diversity (3 credits total)	Diversity (3 credits) <i>May be satisfied by PIA 1102: City of White Supremacy: Race, Space & Policy in American Cities</i>
Humanities & Arts / Social Sciences / Natural Sciences (27 credits total)	Literature (3 credits) Arts (3 credits) Creative Work (3 credits) Philosophical Thinking or Ethics (3 credits) <i>May be satisfied by PIA 0602: Ethics & Equity in Public Policy</i> Social Science (3 credits) <i>May be satisfied by the ECON 0100 pre-requisite or another breadth requirement</i> Historical Analysis (3 credits) Natural Sciences (9 credits) <i>We would recommend public policy students take courses in geology, psychology, neuroscience or biology as potentially useful background for important public policy issues.</i>
Global Awareness & Cultural Understanding (9 credits total)	Global Issues (3 credits) <i>May be satisfied by PIA 0102: Global Challenges, Global Solutions: Introduction to Global Policy</i> Geographic Region Specific (3 credits) Cross Cultural Awareness (3 credits)