

Undergraduate Public Policy Major – Plan of Study

The plan below assumes completion of 60 undergraduate credits, including most general education requirements from the Deitrich School of Arts & Sciences. Please refer to the Public Policy Major General Education Requirements worksheet for more details.

Pre-Requisite Courses (7 credits)

- The Public Policy major requires two pre-requisites: a statistics course (STAT 0200 or STAT 1000 or STAT 1100) and an economics course (ECON 0100) – a total of 7 pre-requisite credits.
- Ideally, pre-public policy students will have also taken foundational courses PIA 0101 and PIA 0102 during their freshman and sophomore years.

Pre-Requisites	Credits	Term Completed
ECON 0100: Introduction to Microeconomic Theory	3	
STAT 0200: Basic Applied Statistics or STAT 1000: Applied Statistical Methods or STAT 1100: Statistics and Probability for Business Management	4	

Required Courses (21 credits)

Students must take all the courses listed below.

Required Major Courses	Credits	Term Completed
PIA 0101: How Public Policy Works: Foundations of Public Policy <i>Recommended to take before declaring Public Policy major</i>	3	
PIA 0102: Global Challenges, Global Solutions: Introduction to Global Policy <i>Recommended to take before declaring Public Policy major</i>	3	
PIA 0201: Skills for Policy Research & Analysis	3	
PIA 0601(W): Ideas to Impact: Persuasive Communication for Policymakers	3	
PIA 0602: Ethics and Equity in Public Policy	3	

PIA 0700: Applied Data Analysis for Public Policy	3	
PIA 1003: Public Policy Capstone	3	

Elective Courses (12 credits)

Students will select 4 elective courses. Use the spaces to self-select courses from the list below.

Elective Major Courses	Credits	Term Completed

The list below is not a comprehensive list, but rather a sampling of courses.

- PIA 1102: City of White Supremacy: Race, Space, and Policy in American Cities
- PIA 1105: Law, Politics, and Policy
- PIA 1103: International Business and Politics
- PIA 1104: Violent Politics & Policy Responses
- PIA 1106: The War of Drugs
- PIA 1107: Global Perspectives on Labor Migration: Economics, Politics & Policy
- PIA 0501: Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector
- PIA 0401: Resource Development: Grant Writing, Fundraising & Social Entrepreneurship
- PIA 1104: Money & Missions: Finance & Nonprofits
- PIA 0202: Program Design and Evaluation
- PIA 1109: State and Local Government, Politics, and Policy
- PIA 0301: Ideas to Action: Influencing Public Policy
- PIA 1004: Nonprofit Management Capstone
- PIA 1001: Internship Seminar

Breadth Requirements (minimum of 9 credits)

Students must complete a breadth field of study outside of PIA to emphasize the intersections of public policy with other disciplines. This may be satisfied in the following ways:

- Completion of an approved minor or certificate
- Completion of a dual degree (e.g. additional major in political science)

- Completion of an approved 9-credit related area (e.g. regional focus; language training; relevant study abroad; cognate discipline such as political science, economics, history, sociology, urban studies, public health, or social work)

Total Major Credits (*excluding the ECON and STAT pre-requisites*): 42 credits

****At least 120 credits are required for graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy.***