

Undergraduate Public Policy Major – Program Roadmap

The plan below assumes completion of at least 55 undergraduate credits, including most general education requirements from the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences. Please refer to the General Education Requirements worksheet for more details.

Pre-Requisite Courses

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 (Crs.) | Term Completed |
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| 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 | |
| PIA 0101: How Public Policy Works: Foundations of Public Policy | 3 | |
| PIA 0102: Global Challenges, Global Solutions: Introduction to Global Policy | 3 | |

Junior and Senior Year Program Roadmap (42 credits)

| Year 1: Fall Term Junior Year | Crs. | Term Completed | Year 1: Spring Term Junior Year | Crs. | Term Completed |
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| PIA 0201: How to Identify Better Policy: Foundations for Policy Analysis | 3 | | PIA 0602: Ethics & Equity in Public Policy | 3 | |
| PIA 0601 (W): Ideas to Impact: Persuasive Communication for Policymakers | 3 | | PIA 0700: Applied Data Analysis for Public Policy | 3 | |
| PIA Elective 1 | 3 | | PIA Elective 2 | 3 | |
| *Breadth Requirement 1 | 3 | | *Breadth Requirement 2 | 3 | |
| General Education Requirement | 3 | | General Education Requirement | 3 | |

| Year 2: Fall Term Senior Year | Crs. | Term Completed | Year 2: Spring Term Senior Year | Crs. | Term Completed |
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| PIA Elective 3 | 3 | | PIA 1003: Public Policy Capstone | 3 | |
| PIA Elective 4 | 3 | | Additional Elective / General Education / Breadth Requirement | 3 | |
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*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 Public Policy major)
- 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.**