

Undergraduate Public Policy Major – Program Roadmap

The plan below assumes completion of 60 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
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
PIA 0201: Skills for Public Policy Research & 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
PIA Elective 3	3		PIA 1003: Public Policy Capstone	3	
PIA Elective 4	3		Additional Elective / General Education / Breadth Requirement	3	
*Breadth Requirement 3	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.**