

We prepare future leaders who are committed to integrity, equity, and excellence in public service.

Pre-Major & UK Core

Students start the program as pre-public policy majors. Upon completion of the pre-major requirements (with a 2.75 GPA), students proceed to the major core.

- PPL 201 **Introduction to Public Policy**
- PS 101 **American Government**
- CIS/WRD 110 **Comp and Comm I**
- CIS/WRD 111 **Comp and Comm II**
- ECO 201 **Principles of Economics I**
- ECO 202 **Principles of Economics II**
- MA 109 **College Algebra** *or* MA 123 **Elementary Calculus***
- STA 210 **Intro to Statistical Reasoning** *or* STA 296 **Statistical Methods and Motivations***
- **UK Core Requirements**
 - Arts & Creativity
 - Humanities
 - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
 - Global Dynamics

**Discuss with advisor – recommendation varies based on career path*

Total hours: 33-37

Major Core

- PPL 251 **Equity in Public Policy**
- PPL 301 **Economics of Public Policy**
- PPL 302 **Political Context of Public Policy**
- PPL 303 **Public Service Organizations**
- PPL 304 **Public and Nonprofit Financial Management**
- PPL 306 **Ethics and Civic Leadership**
- PPL 401 **Data and Evidence in Public Policy**
- PPL 405 **Program Evaluation for Public and Nonprofit Organizations**
- PPL 434 **Public Policy Capstone**

Total hours: 27

Core Electives

Students must take three core electives to complete this requirement.

- PPL 307 **Diplomacy and Leadership**
- PPL 421 **Cross-Cultural Negotiations**
- PPL 575 **Education Finance and Policy**
- PPL 583 **Tax Policy**
- PPL 584 **Environmental Policy**

Total hours: 9

Guided Electives

Students must complete 27 hours of guided electives from the following courses/prefixes:*

- PPL 380 **Special Topics in Public Policy** (*repeatable once, under different subtitle*)
- PPL 395 **Independent Research in Public Policy** (*repeat up to six hours*)
- PPL 399 **Internship in Public Policy** (*repeat up to six hours*)
- Select courses from across campus – see list below. Director of Undergraduate Studies can make exceptions for other courses as appropriate.

AEC 309	International Agriculture, World Food Needs and U.S. Trade in Agricultural Products
AEC 324	Agricultural Law
AEC 326	Principles of Environmental Law
AEC 445G	Introduction to Resource and Environmental Economics
AEC 532	Agricultural and Food Policy
CLD 402	Principles of Leadership
CLD 403	Leadership and Communication
CLD 404	Contemporary Leadership Applications
CPH 350	Introduction to Health Care Organization and Policy
ECO 365	Social Economic Organization
ECO 379	The Economics of Public Policy, Law, and Government
ECO 381	Environmental Economics
ECO 383	Health Economics
ECO 385	Law and Economics
HHS 354	Health Law
GEO 285	Introduction to Planning
GEO 309	Introduction to Geographical Information Systems
GEO 316	Environment and Development
GEO 361	GIS Applications for Health
GEO 409	Advanced GIS
HIS 240	History of Kentucky
HIS 243	Latinx Histories
HIS 261	African American History 1865-Present

HIS 265	History of Women in America
HIS 317	U.S. Immigration History
HIS 405	US Women's History since 1900
HIS 417	U.S. Social Movements Since 1789
HIS 466	Modern American History WWI to Pearl Harbor, 1917-1941
HIS 467	Modern America, 1941-1974
HIS 468	Contemporary America, 1974-present
HIS 469	The Kentucky African American Experience
MGT 340	Ethical and Regulatory Environment
PPL 380	Special Topics in Public Policy
PPL 395	Independent Research in Public Policy
PPL 399	Internship in Public Policy
PS 360	Politics of Law and Courts
PS 430G	The Conduct of American Foreign Relations
PS 431G	National Security Policy
PS 433G	Politics of International Economic Relations
PS 461G	Civil Liberties
PS 463G	Judicial Politics
PS 465G	Constitutional Law
PS 471G	Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
PS 473G	Public Opinion
PS 476G	Legislative Process
PS 484G	The American Presidency
PS 489G	The Analysis of Public Policy
SOC 360	Environmental Sociology
SOC 380	Globalization: A Cross-Cultural Perspective
SOC 420	Sociology of Communities
SOC 437	Sociology of Law
SOC 446	Mass Incarceration
WRD 222	Current events and public engagement: US Citizens, Global Citizens

Total hours: 27

Free Electives

Students take free electives to reach 120 total hours for the degree. Free hours are often used for a minor, a second major, language courses, [study abroad](#), [honors requirements](#), etc.

Total hours: 20-24

Total hours required for degree: 120