

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy

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**
- ECO 201 **Principles of Economics I**
- CIS/WRD 110 **Comp and Comm I**
- CIS/WRD 111 **Comp and Comm 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: 30-34

Major Core

- PPL 251 **Social 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

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Core Electives

Students must take three courses on specific policy skills or areas.

- PPL 307 **Diplomacy and Leadership**
- PPL 421 **Cross-Cultural Negotiations**
- PPL 575 **Education Finance and Policy**
- PPL 583 **Tax Policy**
- PPL 584 **Environmental Policy**
- PPL 380 **Special Topics in Public Policy** (ex. Health Inequality and Policy Solutions)
- With prior approval, students can also take courses at the graduate-level within the Martin School (ex. Grant Management, Strategic Planning).

Total hours: 9

Guided Electives

Students must complete 27 hours of guided electives from the following courses.

- PPL 380 **Special Topics in Public Policy**
- PPL 395 **Independent Research in Public Policy**
- PPL 399 **Internship in Public Policy**
- Select courses from:
 - agricultural economics
 - community and leadership development
 - public health
 - economics
 - geography
 - history
 - management
 - political science
 - sociology, and more!

Total hours: 27

Free Electives

Choose 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: 23-27