

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC POLICY AND SERVICE CONCENTRATION

The Public Policy and Service concentration is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills to analyze the connections between politics, public policy, public administration, and public service. It is designed to help students to pursue careers in the public sector and non-profit sectors, domestically and internationally. Students will learn about large organizations, the public policy process, program evaluation, policy effectiveness, and sustainability, among other topics. Public Policy and Service students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship to gain practical experience working in the field.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Reason through political claims and assertions by political actors.
2. Recognize and respond to diverse ideological perspectives.
3. Locate political issues and controversies within their relevant institutional and historical contexts.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with the institutional processes of politics in numerous global and domestic political arenas.
5. Demonstrate confidence in expressing opinions and presenting analyses of political problems and their solutions.
6. Demonstrate confidence in describing the public policy process.
7. Articulate and identify public service values.