PUBLIC POLICY
UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR
(BS, HBS)

Also available via Ecampus.

The discipline of public policy is closely connected to the practice of policy and this program ensures that students interact with policymakers as well as the knowledge-producers who support policy decisions. Graduates of the BSPP will have the skills necessary for understanding the political, economic, and social constraints faced by policy makers, assessing the performance of alternative approaches to policy implementation, evaluating the effectiveness of policies, and appreciating the sharp conflicts in fundamental human values that animate critical policy debates. The Public Policy Major will provide students with a set of research, analytical, and management skills that will be transferable across sectors and across issue areas. The undergraduate program will prepare graduates for a career not only in public service (federal, state, and local government), but also in not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, as well as admissions to competitive graduate programs in a wide range of programs through which they may further broaden their intellectual and practical experience and expertise.

The BSPP is designed with an emphasis on substantive interdisciplinary knowledge about important policy issues, analytic skills, and policy practice. Students will have the opportunity to pursue their individual interests and passion in specialization areas, each of which is supported by a wealth of experience and expertise in both the School of Public Policy and across the OSU campus. In addition, the degree requires a supervised practicum with a public, non-profit, private, or international organization.

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### Code | Title | Hours
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**Public Policy BS Prerequisites**
ECON 201 | *INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS | 4
PS 201 | *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS | 4
SOC 204 | *INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY | 3
MTH 245 | *MATHEMATICS FOR MANAGEMENT, LIFE, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES | 4
or ST 201 | PRINCIPLES OF STATISTICS | 4
or ST 351 | INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS | 4
**Total Hours** | | 15

### Code | Title | Hours
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**Program Course Requirements**
Pre-Policy, including Policy Prerequisites | 1 | 90

### Code | Title | Hours
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ECON 435 | PUBLIC ECONOMICS | 4
PS 458 | *INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY | 4
SOC 360 | *POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICY | 4
**Public Policy Methods**
PPOL 421 | INTRODUCTION TO POLICY RESEARCH | 4
PPOL 422 | (Pending approval) | 4

### Code | Title | Hours
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**Public Policy Specialization Methods**
Select one from below:

### Code | Title | Hours
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ECON 432 | ENVIRONMENTAL LAW | 4
ECON 352 | *ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY | 4
ECON 439 | *PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS | 4
ECON 466 | *ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY | 4
FES 485 | *CONSENSUS AND NATURAL RESOURCES | 4
FOR 460 | *FOREST POLICY | 4
FOR 462 | NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY AND LAW | 4
FW 323 | MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES OF PACIFIC SALMON IN THE NORTHWEST | 4
FW 326 | INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT | 4
FW 340 | *MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES IN NATURAL RESOURCES | 4
FW 350 | *ENDANGERED SPECIES, SOCIETY AND SUSTAINABILITY | 4
FW 415 | FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAW AND POLICY | 4
FW 422 | INTRODUCTION TO OCEAN LAW | 4
GEO 309 | *ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE | 4
PHL 440 | *ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS | 4
PS 361 | CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT | 4
PS 374 | *SUSTAINABLE LIVING: PRACTICES AND POLICIES | 4
PS 455 | *THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE | 4
PS 470 | GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY | 4
PS 473 | US ENERGY POLICY | 4
PS 475 | ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY | 4
PS 476 | *SCIENCE AND POLICIES | 4
PS 478 | RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY | 4
SOC 381 | SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY | 4
SOC 480 | *ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY | 4
SOC 481 | *SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES | 4
WGSS 440 | *WOMEN AND NATURAL RESOURCES | 4

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**Environmental Policy Specialization Electives**
AEC 253 | *ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY, AND ECONOMICS | 4
AEC 432 | ENVIRONMENTAL LAW | 4
ECON 352 | *ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY | 4
ECON 439 | *PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS | 4
ECON 466 | *ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY | 4
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FOR 462 | NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY AND LAW | 4
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**Rural Policy Specialization Electives**
AEC 240 | *RURAL ECONOMICS OF PLACE AND PEOPLE | 4
AEC 388 | AGRICULTURAL LAW | 4
AEC 421 | ECONOMICS OF RURAL POVERTY AND THE U.S. SOCIAL SAFETY NET | 4
### Public Policy Undergraduate Major (BS, HBS)

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**Public Policy Practice** 5

### Major Code: 801

#### First Year

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2. Students are required to take a minimum 20 credits of electives course work, at least 16 credits in the SPP programs (ECON, PS, and SOC) and up to 4 credits from other programs. Individually tailored specializations are possible with approval from the BSPP Coordinator.

* Baccalaureate Core Course  
^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)
Bacc Core Course: Lit & the Arts

Spring
SOC 204
*INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Bacc Core Course: Western Culture
Bacc Core Course: Soc, Proc & Institutions
General Elective

Hours 14-15

Second Year
Fall
Bacc Core Course: Biological Science
Bacc Core Course: WR II
CLA Core Course: Fine Arts
General Electives at 100-400 level

Hours 13

Winter
Bacc Core Course: Cultural Diversity
Bacc Core Course: Physical Science
General Electives at 100-400 level
General Electives at 100-400 level

Hours 15

Third Year
Fall
PPOL 421
*STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS

BSPP Specialization Area Course

Hours 16

Winter
PPOL 409
Pending approval
PPOL 422
Pending approval
PS 372
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
BSPP Specialization Area Course

Hours 14

Spring
BSPP Specialization Area Course
General Elective
General Elective
General Elective

Hours 16

Fourth Year
Fall
EDON 435
or PS 458
or SOC 360
PUBLIC ECONOMICS
or *INTERNATIONAL POLITIC/ ECONOMY
or *POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICY

PPOL 413
ETHICS IN PUBLIC POLICY

BSPP Specialization Area Course
General Elective

Hours 16

Winter
BSPP Practice
BSPP Capstone
BSPP Specialization Area Course

Hours 14

Spring
BSPP Specialization Area Course
BSPP Specialization Area Course
General Elective
General Elective

Hours 16

Total Hours 181-182