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

**Select one from below:**

### Code | Title | Hours
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ECON 201 | *INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS | 4
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**Total Hours**: 15

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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
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
PS 331 | *STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS | 4
PS 371 | PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS | 4
PS 372 | PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | 4
PPOL 413 | ETHICS IN PUBLIC POLICY | 4
PPOL 409 | (Pending approval) | 2

**Select one from below:**

### Code | Title | Hours
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SOC 360 | *POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICY | 4
Public Policy Core

### Code | Title | Hours
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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

**Rural Policy Specialization Electives**

### Code | Title | Hours
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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

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1. Pre-Policy, including Policy Prerequisites

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AEC 454  RURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND POLICY
AGRI 411  *INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SYSTEMS: LOCAL TO GLOBAL
ANTH 466  *RURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
ANTH 481  *NATURAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND COMMUNITY VALUES
ECON 352  *ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY
ECON 455  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FES 485  *CONSENSUS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
PPOL 451  (Pending approval)
PS 331  *STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS
PS 470  GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY
PS 475  ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY
SOC 381  SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY
SOC 475  RURAL SOCIOLOGY
SOC 481  *SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
RS 421  ECONOMICS OF RURAL POVERTY AND THE U.S. SOCIAL SAFETY NET

Social Policy Specialization Electives

ANTH 373/ ES 373/WGSS
373  APPROACHES TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

ANTH 484  *WEALTH AND POVERTY
ECON 383  *THE ECONOMICS OF DISCRIMINATION
ECON 414  BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS
ECON 439  *PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
ECON 440  ECONOMICS OF GLOBALIZATION
ECON 455  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECON 480  LABOR ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL POLICY
NR 351  *WHEN SCIENCE ESCAPES THE LAB: SCIENCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
PS 317  GENDER AND POLITICS
PS 345  *POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS
PS 363  *GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PS 370  *SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS
PS 375  *THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND POLICIES
PS 470  GLOBAL FOOD POLICS AND POLICY
SOC 312  *SOCIOLGY OF THE FAMILY
SOC 350  HEALTH, ILLNESS AND SOCIETY
SOC 355  DEATH AND DYING
SOC 426  *SOCIAL INEQUALITY
SOC 430  GENDER AND SOCIETY
SOC 437  RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS
SOC 438  US IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY
SOC 439  WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SOC 450  SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
SOC 454  *LEISURE AND CULTURE
SOC 460  THE SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION
SOC 470  COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR
SOC 471  SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
SOC 472  GIVING AND VOLUNTARISM

Public Policy Practice  5

Public Policy Capstone  5

General Electives  30

Total Hours  180

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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)

Major Code: 801

Course  Title  Hours

First Year
Fall
MTH 111  *COLLEGE ALGEBRA  4
PS 201  *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  4
WR 121  *ENGLISH COMPOSITION  3
Bacc Core: Speech  3
U-Engage  2

Winter
ECON 201  *INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS  4
MTH 245  or ST 201  or ST 351  *MATHEMATICS OF MANAGEME LIFE, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES or PRINCIP-OF STATIST or INTROD TO STATIST METHOD  4
HHS 231  *LIFETIME FITNESS FOR HEALTH  2
HHS 241  *LIFETIME FITNESS (or any PAC course)  1-2
Public Policy Undergraduate Major (BS, HBS)

Bacc Core Course: Lit & the Arts 3

Spring
SOC 204 *INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY 3

Bacc Core Course: Western Culture 3
Bacc Core Course: Soc, Proc & Institutions 3
General Elective 4

Hours 14-15

Second Year
Fall
Bacc Core Course: Biological Science 4
Bacc Core Course: WR II 3
CLA Core Course: Fine Arts 4
General Electives at 100-400 level 4

Hours 13

Winter
Bacc Core Course: Cultural Diversity 3
Bacc Core Course: Physical Science 4
General Electives at 100-400 level 4
General Electives at 100-400 level 4

Hours 15

Spring
Bacc Core Course: Non-Western Culture 4
Bacc Core Course: 3rd Lab Science 4
General Electives at 100-400 level 4
General Electives at 100-400 level 4

Hours 16

Third Year
Fall
PPOL 421 INTRODUCTION TO POLICY RESEARCH 4
PS 331 *STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS 4
PS 371 PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS 4
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4

Hours 16

Winter
PPOL 409 Pending approval 2
PPOL 422 Pending approval 4
PS 372 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR 4
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4

Hours 14

Spring
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4
General Elective 4
General Elective 4
General Elective 4

Hours 16

Fourth Year
Fall
EDON 435 or PS 458 4
or SOC 360

PUBLIC ECONOMICS or
*INTERNATIONAL POLITIC/ ECONOMY or
*POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICY

PPOL 413 ETHICS IN PUBLIC POLICY 4
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4
General Elective 4

Hours 16

Winter
BSPP Practice 5
BSPP Capstone 5
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4

Hours 14

Spring
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4
BSPP Specialization Area Course 4
General Elective 4
General Elective 4

Hours 16

Total Hours 181-182