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From: Marilyn Blackwell <blackwell.4@osu.edu>
Subject: semester conversion proposal for public policy minor
Cc: herrmann.1@osu.edu, blackwell.4@osu.edu

Dear Professor Wright:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Marilyn Blackwell and I chair Subcommittee B of the Council on Academic Affairs which has been charged with processing all the semester conversion proposals from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. We have just reviewed the Minor in Public Policy which you direct and found it admirably lucid and well put together and the material you're teaching couldn't be more important to our educational mission. Indeed as we discussed it we kept saying to each other "This ought to be required of all our students before they graduate." We do, however, have a suggestion. Especially given the vital role of interdisciplinarity in the university, we would like respectfully to encourage you to make available to your students appropriate options from colleges beyond SBS. For instance, surely there are courses in the AAAS and other departments in the Division of the Arts and Humanities and in Education and Human Ecology that could very much enrich your track in Race and Ethnicity. And there are certainly courses in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies that could profitably augment the Gender track. And finally there are courses in the Knowlton School's Urban and Regional Planning program that could be of great benefit to students in the Urban track. Incorporating some of these options into the Public Policy Minor could only strengthen what is already clearly an excellent program.

Best,

Marilyn Blackwell

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From: JOHN WRIGHT [wright.569@osu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:14 AM
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Subject: Re: semester conversion proposal for public policy minor

Dear Marilyn:

Thank you for your feedback on the Public Policy Minor and your useful suggestion. I agree that we can and should do more to extend the reach of the minor beyond SBS. A fairly quick perusal of the units you mention reveals several courses that appear to be appropriate for several of our specializations. These include:

Race and Ethnicity

AAAS 504 Black Politics

AAAS 326 Black Americans and the Legal System

Urban

AAAS 218 Black Urban Experience

CRPLAN 310 Introduction To City & Regional Planning U 4

CRPLAN 601 Project and Policy Analysis in Planning U G 5

Gender

AAAS 230 The Black Woman: Her Role in the Liberation Struggle

WGSS 325 Issues in Women's Health

WGSS 513 Women, Government and Public Policy

I will contact relevant faculty within these units and begin reviewing these and other courses. Hopefully, we can get some of these integrated into the minor in the coming academic year.

Thanks again for your attention to the minor.

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To: W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost, Office of Academic Affairs
 From: Terry L. Gustafson, Special Assistant to the Executive Dean for Semester Conversion
 Re: Arts and Sciences Program Proposals from the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division

Arts and Sciences is pleased to submit the following programs from the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division to the Office of Academic Affairs for conversion from quarters to semesters. The programs have been approved by the faculty members and chair of the originating unit, and reviewed and approved by the divisional advisory panel, a subcommittee of the ASC Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI), and the full CCI. The vote for approval of all programs at the full CCI was unanimous.

Program Name	Academic Plan Code	Conversion Designation	CCI Approval	Last Revision
International Studies Minor	INTSTD-MN	Converted	6/27/2011	Prior to 2006
Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspective Minor	PUBPOL-MN	Converted	6/16/2011	Prior to 2006
Speech and Hearing Science BA	SPHHRNG-BA	Converted	6/27/2011	Prior to 2006

Arts and Sciences General Education (GE) Program: The GE program for untagged B.A. and B.S. degrees in Arts and Sciences was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs on May 26, 2010, after receiving approval from the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate. All the programs presented here follow the approved GE program.

College of Arts and Sciences Transition Policy: The College of Arts and Sciences is committed to the principles outlined in the university's Pledge to Undergraduate Students. Each unit has a plan on how best to assist its majors and minors through the transition. And the Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Services will advise students on how to transition their GE program. Dual advising is the existing process used in Arts and Sciences and will continue under semesters.

Status: PENDING

PROGRAM REQUEST
Public Policy Social and Behavior Sciences
Minor

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Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Social & Behavioral Sci Admin - D0700
Administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	
Semester Conversion Designation	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
Current Program/Plan Name	Public Policy Social and Behavior Sciences Minor
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Public Policy Social and Behavior Sciences Minor
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	PUBPOL-MN
Current Degree Title	

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		24	16.0	15	1.0
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum				
	Maximum				
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum				
	Maximum				
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	5	3.3	3	0.3
	Maximum	5	3.3	3	0.3

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals •

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Status: PENDING

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Attachments

- Division Cover Letter for Public Policy Minor.doc: Division Letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Mumy, Gene Elwood)
- Public Policy Minor Conversion Document 6-15-11.pdf: Program Conversion Proposal
(Program Proposal. Owner: Mumy, Gene Elwood)

Comments

Workflow Information

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Chairs Arts and Sciences CCI & CAA

Dear Chairs:

The Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspectives Minor is an interdisciplinary minor administered by the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in ASC, with Professor John Wright of Political Science serving as the director of the minor. Advising is housed in Political Science.

The minor was created in 2006 and every year the director submits an annual report to an oversight committee (OSC) and the dean of SBS. The OSC monitors the progress of the minor and works with the director to make beneficial changes. The OSC and the dean have been very satisfied with the structure and success of the minor over the last few years and there is no compelling reason to make changes during the conversion to semesters.

In his letter Director Wright notes that conversion discussions took place with SBS administration and with the OSC. The OSC has approved the minimal change conversion plan. The very minimal changes are discussed in the plan rationale. The Social Science Disciplinary Advisory Panel has vetted the proposal and approved it. I have endorsed this decision and it has been approved by SBS Dean Gifford Weary.

As a result, I submit the Public Policy Minor conversion plan to you for the consideration of your committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene E. Mummy".

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May 17, 2011

Professor Gene E. Mumy
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Dear Gene:

The plan for conversion to semesters for the Public Policy Minor is now complete and has been approved by the Oversight Committee for the minor. There are only two fairly minor changes to the program, both of which are related to the capstone experience. The option of writing a policy relevant thesis in lieu of the capstone course has been extended to non-honors students using a departmental 4999, with approval of the Director. This option has been open to honors students since the inception of the program. The other change is to help students get into the capstone course in a timely fashion.

Currently the capstone course (SBS 591) requires that all other program requirements be taken before enrolling in the capstone course, including the two specialization courses. The semester version (SBS 4591), which will only be offered in Spring Semester, will allow students to take one specialization course concurrently. This will help to offset some of the diminished flexibility inherent in semesters.

The review and approval of the conversion plan have followed our usual procedures. The Public Policy Minor was created in 2006, and each year since all changes have been reviewed and approved by the Director and the Oversight Committee.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Wright
Professor and
Director of the Public
Policy Minor

Rationale

The Public Policy: SBS Perspectives is a successful interdisciplinary minor that was created in 2006. Every year an oversight committee (OSC) evaluates the minor and makes recommendations to the Director of the minor and the Dean of SBS. Since 2006 the OSC has been very satisfied with the basic structure of the minor and has chosen not to alter it, although it has approved additions of new courses to the specialization areas and has encouraged some work on the development of new specialization areas. For converting the minor to semesters the OSC and the Director have reaffirmed the basic structure and the conversion contains only very small changes.

The small changes for conversion are: 1) courses not converted to semesters (three of them) have been dropped from the specialization areas; 2) now that qualified non-honors students can attempt a thesis for distinction those students can substitute a policy oriented thesis as the capstone experience in place of SBS 4591, as has always been the case for honors students; and 3) the loss of flexibility in the timing of when courses are taken is partially mitigated by easing the prerequisites of the Capstone course, SBS 4591, to allow one of the specialization courses to be taken concurrently. Items (2) and (3) are important to the transition policy promise of not impeding student progress to completion.

Semester Course List for Public Policy Minor

The structure of the minor is a 2-2-1 sequence. There are requirements for two core courses, two specialization courses, and a capstone requirement.

Prerequisite: ECON 2000.01/2000.02 Principles of Microeconomics, 3 or
AEDECON 2001: Principles of Food and Resource Economics, 3

A. Core Courses (Two courses, 6 hours)

1. POLITSC 3115: Introduction to the Policy Process, 3

2. Take one of the following three courses.

- ECON 4320: Public Expenditures and Cost-Benefit Analysis, 3. The prerequisite for 4320 is ECON 2000.01/2000.02.
- AEDECON 5331: Benefit-Cost Analysis, 3. The prerequisite is AEDECON 4310 (Environmental and Natural Resource Economics) or a minimum of 6 hours of economic principles or permission of instructor.
- Public Policy and Management (PPM) 3000: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis. 3.

B. Specialization Subject Area Courses (Two courses in ONE of the following areas)

All of the following courses are 3 semester credit hours.

Business and Labor

ECON 4700	Government and Business
ECON 4800	Labor Economics and Industrial Relations
ECON 5150	Economic Transitions in the 20 th Century
GEOG 5401	Economies, Space and Society
GEOG 5700	Geography of Development
POLITSC 4910	Political Strategy, Public Policy, and the Private Sector
PSYCH 3522	Organizational Psychology
SOCIOL 3302	Technology and Global Society

Communication

ANTHROP 5630	Language and Culture in Education
COMM 2540	Introduction to Communication Technology
COMM 3404	Ethics of Communication
COMM 4401	Mass COMM and Youth
COMM 4814	Political Communication
POLITSC 4165	Mass Media and American Politics
PSYCH 2371	Language and the Mind
PSYCH 4630	The Psychology of Public Attitudes
SOCIOL 4608	Gender, Race, Class in Mass Communications

SPHHRG 3310 Improving Intercultural Speech Communication Skills
 SPHHRG 5605 Multicultural Aspects of Communication and Its Disorders

Crime and Criminal Justice

ECON 3710 Economics and Law
 ECON 3790 Economics of Crime
 ECON 4970.01 Sex, Drugs and the Underground Economy
 POLITSC 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making
 PSYCH 3485 Psychology and the Law
 PSYCH 5684 Psychology of Delinquency
 SOCIOL 2209 Introduction to Criminal Justice
 SOCIOL 2210 Sociological Aspects of Deviance
 SOCIOL 2309 Introduction to Law and Society
 SOCIOL 3410 Criminology
 SOCIOL 4507 The Criminal Justice System
 SOCIOL 4510 Women, Crime, and the Legal System
 SOCIOL 4511 Sociology of Youth and Crime
 SOCIOL 4609 Neighborhoods and Crime
 SOCIOL 4611 Penology
 SOCIOL 4615 Control and Prevention of Crime and Delinquency
 SOCIOL 4618 Sociology of Police and Policing
 SOCIOL 5673.02 Topics in Criminology—Social Aspects of Capital Punishment

Environment and Natural Resources

AEDECON 4532 Food Security and Globalization
 AEDECON 4310 Environmental and Natural Resources Economics
 AEDECON 4597 Problems and Policies in World Population, Food, and Environment
 GEOG 3901H Global Climate and Environmental Change
 GEOG 2800 Physical Geography and Environmental Issues
 GEOG 3800 Geographical Perspectives on Environment and Society
 GEOG 3882 Integrated Earth Systems: Confronting Global Change
 GEOG 3900 Global Climate Change: Causes and Consequences
 GEOG 5801 Conservation of Natural Resources
 GEOG 5802 Globalization and Environment
 ENR 2300 Society and Natural Resources
 ENR 4000 Natural Resources Policy
 ENR 5642 Natural Resources Administration
 ENR 5325 Public Forest and Lands Policy
 POLITSC 4335 International Environmental Politics

Gender

ANTHROP 4597.02 Women, Culture, and Development
 ECON 3820 Women and the Labor Market
 ECON 4553 Economics of Population
 POLITSC 4170 Women and Politics
 POLITSC 4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy

POLITSC 4138	Women and the Law
PSYCH 2375	Stereotyping and Prejudice
PSYCH 3543	The Psychology of Women
SOCIOL 2367.03H	Work and Family in the U.S.
SOCIOL 3435	Sociology of Women
SOCIOL 3463	Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender
SOCIOL 4510	Women, Crime, and the Legal System
SOCIOL 4608	Gender, Race, and Class in Mass Communications

Policy Methods (only one of the following courses can be counted toward the specialization—
ECON/IN STDS 3400, POLITSC 4551, PSYCH 2220, SOCIOL 2487)

AEDECON 4003	Economics of Public Policy Analysis
ECON/INT STDS 3400	The Analysis and Display of Data
ECON 4400	Elementary Econometrics
ECON 4001.01, .02, .03	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
GEOG 5220	Fundamentals of GIS
POLITSC 4551	Techniques of Political Analysis
PSYCH 2220	Introduction to Data Analysis in Psychology
PSYCH 3321	Quantitative and Statistical Methods in Psychology
PSYCH 3508	Judgments and Decision Making
SOCIOL 2487	Types of Sociological Inquiry

Social Welfare

ANTHROP 5600	Biosocial Aspects of Health
ANTHROP 5602	Global Perspectives on Women's Health
COMM 4737	Health Communication in Mass Mediated Contexts
ECON 4300	Government Finance in the American Economy
ECON 4553	Economics of Population
GEOG 2400	Economic and Social Geography
GEOG 3702	Population Geography
GEOG 5601	Geography's of Governmentalities
POLITSC 4285	Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
PSYCH 3531	Health Psychology
SOCIOL 2306	Sociology of Poverty
SOCIOL 2320	Sociology of Education
SOCIOL 3407	Social Change
SOCIOL 3434	The Child and Society
SOCIOL 3463	Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender
SOCIOL 3467	Sociology of Religion
SOCIOL 3630	Medical Sociology
SOCIOL 4597.02	World Population Problems
SOCIOL 5450	Illness and Social Behavior
SOCIOL 5623	Advanced Sociology of Education
SPHHRG 4510	Disability Studies in Context

Race and Ethnicity

ANTHROP 4597.04	The Molecular Revolution: Heredity, Genome Mapping, and Genomania
ECON 3850	Diversity Economics
POLITSC 4140	Black Politics
POLITSC 4145	Asian American Politics
POLITSC 5140	Ethnic Politics in the American Cities
PSYCH 2375	Stereotyping and Prejudice
PSYCH 3545	Cross Cultural Psychology
SOCIOL 2380	American Ethnic Relations
SOCIOL 2382	Sociology of Asian American Life
SOCIOL 3463	Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender
SOCIOL 4608	Gender, Race, and Class in Mass Communications
SPHHRG 3310	Improving Intercultural Speech Communication Skills
SPHHRG 5605	Multicultural Aspects of Communication and Its Disorders

Security

AEDECON 2580	Feast or Famine: The Global Business Food
AEDECON/IS 3400	Food Security and Globalization
ECON 4547	Economics of War
ECON 4560)	Cooperation and Conflict in the Global Economy
GEOG 3300	Transport Security
GEOG 3601	Geopolitics
POLITSC 4310	Security Policy During and After the Cold War
PSYCH 3525	Psychology of Personal Security: Global and Local Perspectives
PUBPOLM 4000	Rebuilding Failed and Weak States

Size and Scope of Government

ECON 4300	Government Finance in the American Economy
ECON 5150	Economic Transitions in the 20 th Century
GEOG 3600	Political Geography
POLITSC 3450	Ethics and Public Policy
POLITSC 3905	Political Manipulation
POLITSC 4115	Bureaucracy and Public Policy
POLITSC 4125	State Politics
POLITSC 4280	State and Economy
POLITSC 4285	Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
POLITSC 4190	Political Decision-Making and Public Policy
POLITSC 4192	Policy Analysis
POLITSC 4910	Political Strategy, Public Policy, and the Private Sector

Urban

ECON 4900	Urban Economics
ECON 4920	Housing Economics
GEOG 3881	World Urbanization

GEOG 5402	Theory and Methods of Regional Analysis
GEOG 5501	Urban Geography
GEOG 5502	Cities, Cultures, and the Political Geography of Difference
GEOG 5602	Urban Political Geography
POLITSC 4127	Urban Government
POLITSC 5140	Ethnic Politics in the American Cities
POLITSC 5124	Urban Politics
SOCIOL 2367.02	Cities and Urban Life
SOCIOL 2391	The Community

Departmental Internship

Dept. X191. An appropriate internship can be substituted for one specialization course.

C. Capstone Requirement (3 hours)

Social and Behavioral Sciences 4591: Capstone Course in Public Policy, 3

Or, if the Director of the minor approves, write a senior thesis that focuses on a policy issue.

Credit is obtained through a departmental 4999H or 4999.

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The Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences minor requires the completion of 15 credit hours, which consists of two core courses, two specialization courses, and a capstone requirement. Students are encouraged to pursue an internship in government agencies, advocacy groups, or other organization involved in public policy. A departmental internship course of 3 credit hours may be substituted for a specialization with approval of the minor advisor. Overlap with the GE is permitted. Students should meet with the coordinating advisor **prior** to selecting the specialization area to plan their minor program. Any variations from the minor, including an internship experience, require the approval of the coordinating advisor.

Prerequisite to the minor (3 credit hours):

ECON 2001.01 or 2001.02: Principles of Microeconomics (3) OR
AEDECON 2001: Principles of Food and Resource Economics (3)

Required core courses (6 credit hours) Students are required to select POLISC 3115 and a choice of one of three core courses:

All students select:

POLISC 3115: Introduction to the Process (3)

Choose one:

ECON 4320: Public Expenditures and Cost-Benefit Analysis (3)
AEDECON 5331: Benefit-Cost Analysis (3)
PUBPOLM 3000: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (3)

Specialized Subject Area Courses (6 credit hours)

The goal of the specialization is that all students emerge with knowledge about a substantive social science area where public policy issues are highly relevant. Students must select two courses in a single area and both courses may be in the same department.

Business and Labor:

ECON 4700, 4800, 5150
GEOG 5401, 5700
POLITSC 4910
PSYCH 3522
SOCIOL 3302

Communication:

ANTHROP 5630
COMM 2540, 3404, 4401, 4814
POLITSC 4165
PSYCH 2371, 4630
SOCIOL 4608
SPHHRNG 3310, 5605

Crime and Criminal Justice:

ECON 3710, 3790, 4970.01
POLITSC 4137
PSYCH 3485, 5684
SOCIOL 2209, 2210, 2309, 3410, 4507, 4510, 4511, 4609, 4611, 4615, 4618, 5673.02

Environment and Natural Resources:

AEDECON 4532, 4310, 4597
GEOG 2800, 3901H, 3900, 3800, 3882, 5801, 5802
ENR 2300, 4000, 5642, 5325
POLITSC 4335

Gender:

ANTHROP 4597.02
ECON 3820, 4553
POLITSC 4170, 4175, 4138
PSYCH 2375, 3543
SOCIOL 2367.03H, 3435, 3463, 4510, 4608

Policy Methods:

*Please note: Only **one** of the following courses can be counted toward the specialization: ECON 3400/INT STDS 3400, POLITSC 4551, PSYCH 2220, AND SOCIOL 2487.*

AEDECON 4003
ECON 4400, 4001(.01,.02,.03), ECON 3400/INT STDS 3400

GEOG 5220
POLITSC 4551
PSYCH 2220, 3321, 3508
SOCIOL 2487

Social Welfare:

ANTHROP 5600, 5602
COMM 4737
ECON 4300, 4553
GEOG 2400, 3702, 5601
POLITSC 4285
PSYCH 3531
SOCIOL 2306, 2320, 3407, 3434, 3463, 3467, 3630,
4597.02, 5450, 5623
SPHHRNG 4510

Race and Ethnicity:

ANTHROP 4597.04
ECON 3850
POLITSC 4140, 4145, 5140
PSYCH 2375, 3545
SOCIOL 2380, 2382, 3463, 4608
SPHHRNG 3310, 5605

Security:

AEDECON 2580, 3400
ECON 4547, 4560
GEOG 3300, 3601
POLITSC 4310
PSYCH 3525
PUBPOLM 4000

Size and Scope of Government:

ECON 4300, 5150
GEOG 3600
POLITSC 3450, 3905, 4115, 4125, 4190, 4192, 4280,
4285, 4910

Urban:

ECON 4900, 4920
GEOG 3881, 5402, 5501, 5502, 5602
POLITSC 4127, 5124, 5140
SOCIOL 2367.02, 2391

Capstone Requirement (3 credit hours)

CHOOSE ONE:

SBSCOL 4591: Capstone Course in Public Policy OR, if the Director of the minor approves, write a senior thesis that focuses on a policy issue. Credit is obtained through a departmental 4999H or 4999.

PLEASE NOTE: Some courses require prerequisites beyond the GE Social Science requirement and AEDECON 2001 or ECON 2001.01/2001.02.

Minor program guidelines

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15

Transfer credit hours allowed: A maximum of 6

Overlap with the GE: Permitted

Overlap with the major: Not allowed

Overlap between minors: The Public Policy minor must contain 15 unique hours

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).

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The Ohio State University
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Public Policy: Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspectives Minor (PPM SBS, 299)

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Prerequisite to the minor (5 credit hours):

Economics 200: Principles of Microeconomics (5) OR
AED Econ 200: Principles of Food and Resource Economics (5)

Required core courses (10 credit hours)

Students are required to select Political Science 305 and a choice of one of three core courses:

All students select:

Political Science 305: Introduction to Public Policy (5)

Choose one:

Economics 532: Public Expenditures and Cost-Benefit Analysis (5)
AED Econ 631: Benefit-Cost Analysis (5)
Public Pol and Mgmt 522: Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (5)

Specialized Subject Area Courses (9 – 10 credit hours)

The goal of the specialization is that all students emerge with knowledge about a substantive social science area where public policy issues are highly relevant. Students must select two courses in a single area and both courses may be in the same department.

Business and Labor:

Econ 570, 580, 615
Geog 640, 642
Poli Sci 511
Psych 522
Sociol 203

Communication:

Anthrop 630
Comm 240, 341, 501, 604, 607, 614
Poli Sci 609
Psych 371, 630
Sociol 608
Sph/Hrng 310, 605

Crime and Criminal Justice:

Econ 371, 479, 597.01
Poli Sci 515
Psych 485, 684
Sociol 209, 210, 309, 311, 410, 507, 510, 511, 609, 611, 615, 618, 673.02

Environment and Natural Resources:

AED Econ 434, 531, 597
Geog 210, H410, 420, 430, 597.02, 630, 635
Nat Res 203, 400, 540, 642, 647, 736
Polit Sci 559

Gender:

Anthro 597.02
Econ 482, 553
Poli Sci 512, 513, 514
Psych 375, 543
Sociol H367.03, 435, 463, 510, 608

Policy Methods:

*Please note: Only **one** of the following courses can be counted toward the specialization: Econ/Int Stds 443, Poli Sci 585, Psych 320, Soc 487.*

AED Econ 503
Econ 444, 501, Econ/Int Stds 443
Geog 607
Poli Sci 585
Psych 320, 321, 508
Sociol 487

Social Welfare:

Anthrop 601.01, 601.04
Comm 636.02
Econ 530, 553
Geog 240, 643, 670
Polit Sci 578
Psych 531
Sociol 306, 320, 407, 434, 450, 463, 467, 597.02, 623, 630
Sph/Hrng 510

Race and Ethnicity:

Anthro 597.04
Econ 485
Poli Sci 504, 508, 608
Psych 375, 545, 646
Sociol 380, 382, 463, 608
Sph/Hrng 310, 605

Security:

AED Econ/Int Stds 280
Econ 547, 556
Geog 445, 465
Poli Sci 552
Psych 525
PubPol&M 670

Size and Scope of Government:

Econ 530, 615
Geog 460
Poli Sci 304, 507, 510, 511, 577, 578, 580, 678, 679

Urban:

Anthro 626
Econ 590, 592
Geog 597.01, 650, 652, 655, 660
Poli Sci 505, 608, 614
Sociol 367.02, 391

Capstone Requirement (5 credit hours)

CHOOSE ONE:
SBS 591: Capstone Course in Public Policy OR
Departmental H783: Thesis Option with Public Policy focus

PLEASE NOTE: Some courses require prerequisites beyond the GEC Social Science requirement and AED Econ 200 or Econ 200.

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 20 (some minors require more)

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor, or
- A college/school counselor (depending on the minor).

ASC Curriculum and Assessment Office

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Transition Policy

Students who began the minor under quarters will not be penalized by the transition to semesters, in terms of completing the minor and their degrees. As long as they are taken before the capstone experience, the two required core courses in the minor do not have to be taken at any particular time to take other courses in the minor, and they will be offered with a frequency so that they can be taken in an academic year, which is all that is guaranteed under quarters. The specialization courses are plentiful and several will be available in any autumn or spring semester. The capstone course will be offered once a year in spring semester just as it is now offered once a year in spring quarter. The only possible bottleneck is the loss of flexibility to complete all other requirements in autumn or winter quarters before taking the capstone course in spring quarter, which exists under the quarter system.

This is not just a transition issue but one generic to semesters in general, because of diminished timing flexibility under semesters. As mentioned in the rationale, this loss of flexibility will be compensated for in two ways: 1) the addition of the possibility for qualified non-honors students to satisfy the capstone experience by doing a policy relevant thesis; and 2) eliminating the current prerequisite that the other four-course requirements be completed before the capstone course, and allowing one of the specialization courses to be taken concurrently with the capstone course. Good advising will make students in the minor aware of the issue and how to surmount it.