Public Policy

Minor
The undergraduate minor in Public Policy introduces students from other departments and colleges to the field and practice of policy analysis. Employers and graduate schools recognize a completed minor as indicative of broader preparation than a single degree, not to mention curiosity and willingness to do extra work. The Public Policy minor also certifies interest and background in public affairs.

Over the years, the department has realized that the underlying model of policy analysis enriches and complements a variety of undergraduate specialties and that public policy training can be valuable not only as a "pre-MPP" experience but also to students whose graduate training won't include the Masters in Public Policy degree. Lawyers, doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, and others need to understand government choices as citizens, as participants in government, and on behalf of their organizations, many of which are profoundly affected by public policy.

Registration for the minor (which does not obligate one to complete it) makes students eligible for various Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) undergraduate programs and activities and gets them on a mailing list for GSPP events of interest to anyone concerned with public affairs.

Course of Study Overview
The undergraduate courses in public policy deal with the substance of public policy, how it is made, how its effects can be gauged, and what the purposes of policy should be. The courses consider both the policy process and particular policy issues. By examining different policy problems in their political and social contexts, students gain a greater sensitivity to the forces which shape and carry out public policies and to the impact of social, political, economic, and legal power.

Courses are designed for students in diverse disciplines and professional schools. There are no prerequisites for enrollment in the undergraduate courses unless specifically noted otherwise in the course descriptions. The training provided by the courses is useful to those interested in combining the substantive perspectives of the social sciences with the immediacy of contemporary problems, to those considering professional study, and to the informed and politically aware citizen.

Declaring the Minor
All UC Berkeley undergraduate students are eligible for enrollment in the Public Policy minor. Students should complete the Minor Enrollment Form (https://gsppstudentservices.wufoo.com/forms/declaration-to-pursue-the-public-policy-minor/) as early in their academic career as possible. Declaration of the Public Policy minor is possible even before enrolling in public policy courses.

Please note that early declaration of the minor does not obligate students to this program should it become unfeasible later in their academic pursuits.

All Public Policy minor students must complete a Completion of Public Policy Minor form (http://gspp.berkeley.edu/assets/uploads/page/Public_PolicyMinorCompletionForm1.pdf) form the semester they are scheduled to graduate in order to receive credit for the minor. The minor will not be listed on the diploma. Students who complete the requirements for the Public Policy Minor will receive a certificate of completion in the U.S. mail. Within six weeks after receiving the certificate, a notation will appear at the bottom of the transcript that will state "Minor Program in Public Policy Completed" with the semester and year.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines
1. All courses used to fulfill minor requirements must be completed with a grade of C- or higher, and must be at least 3 units each.
2. All courses must be taken for a letter grade. except PUB POL 199, and PUB POL 98/PUB POL 198, both of which are offered on a Pass/No Pass basis only.
3. Two 2-unit PUB POL 98/PUB POL 198 courses or other 2-unit public policy courses may count as one course toward the minor; however, only one of these can be PUB POL 98.
4. Students may count graduate level public policy electives to complete their minor requirements. Generally, undergraduates require an instructor consent form (https://gspp.berkeley.edu/assets/uploads/page/2019_ISRC_Approval_Form.pdf) to enroll in graduate courses.
5. No more than two non-public policy courses may be used to fulfill minor requirements.

Requirements

| Courses | Units |
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| PUB POL 101 | Introduction to Public Policy Analysis | 4 |
| Select four from the following (of which two must be PUB POL courses): |
| MEDIAST 104A Freedom of Speech and the Press [3] |
| POL SCI 186 Problems [4] |
| ECON 131 Public Economics [4] |
| PB HLTH 126 Health Economics and Public Policy [3] |
| PB HLTH 150D Introduction to Health Policy and Management [3] |
| PB HLTH 181 Poverty and Population [3] |
| POL SCI 109A Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109B Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109G Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109H Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109L Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109M Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109R Special Topics in American Politics [4] |
| POL SCI 109W Selected Topics in American Politics-UCDC [4] |
| POL SCI 150 The American Legal System |
| POL SCI 150A China in Comparative Perspective [4] |
| POL SCI 181 Public Organization and Administration [4] |
| PUB POL 103 Wealth and Poverty [4] |
| PUB POL 117A Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy [4] |
| PUB POL/ | |
| PUB POL 156 Program and Policy Design [4] |
| PUB POL 157 Arts and Cultural Policy [4] |
PUB POL C20AC THE 2020 ELECTION 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020
During the fall 2020 semester we will have the quadrennial opportunity to study American politics during a presidential campaign. Combining real-time analysis of the election, an in-depth study of the relevant historical and sociological trends that are shaping this moment, and a lively roster of guest speakers from across the Berkeley campus and community, this class will provide students with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary introduction to American politics in a time of unprecedented crisis and possibility.
THE 2020 ELECTION: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructors: Cohen, Jayaraman
Also listed as: AFRICAM C20AC
THE 2020 ELECTION: Read Less [-]
PUB POL 98 Group Study in Public Policy 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2018
Group study on selected public policy topics. Open to freshmen and sophomores.
Group Study in Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Group Study in Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 101 Introduction to Public Policy Analysis 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020
A systematic and critical approach to evaluating and designing public policies. Combines theory and application to particular cases and problems. Diverse policy topics, including environmental, health, education, communications, safety, and arts policy issues, among others.
Introduction to Public Policy Analysis: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Introduction to Public Policy Analysis: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 103 Wealth and Poverty 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2008
This course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding both of the structure of political economy and of why the distribution of earnings, wealth, and opportunity have been diverging in the United States and in other nations. It is also intended to provide insight into the political and public policy debates that have arisen in light of the divergence as well as possible means of reversing it.
Wealth and Poverty: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Reich

Wealth and Poverty: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C103 Wealth and Poverty 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding both of the organization of the political economy in the United States and of other advanced economies, and of why the distribution of earnings, wealth, and opportunity have been diverging in the United States and in other nations. It also is intended to provide insights into the political and public-policy debates that have arisen in light of this divergence, as well as possible means of reversing it.
Wealth and Poverty: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for C103 after taking 103.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Reich
Also listed as: L & S C180U

Wealth and Poverty: Read Less [-]
PUB POL 117AC Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
The objective of this course is to use the tools and insights of public policy analysis as a means of understanding the ways in which policies are shaped by and respond to issues of race, ethnicity, and cultural difference. The course is organized around a series of discrete policy problems involving issues of race and ethnicity. It is designed to allow for comparative analysis within and across cases to explore the variety of ways in which policy intersects with different racial and ethnic groups.

Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy: Read More

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy: Read Less

PUB POL C142 Applied Econometrics and Public Policy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2018
This course focuses on the sensible application of econometric methods to empirical problems in economics and public policy analysis. It provides background on issues that arise when analyzing non-experimental social science data and a guide for tools that are useful for empirical research. By the end of the course, students will have an understanding of the types of research designs that can lead to convincing analysis and be comfortable working with large scale data sets.

Applied Econometrics and Public Policy: Read More

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 140 or 141 or consent of instructor
Credit Restrictions: Students who completed Econ C142 receive no credit for Econ N142.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 2-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: O'Hare

PUB POL 156 Program and Policy Design 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2011, Fall 2005
Studio/laboratory in the design of nonphysical environments. Complements courses in policy analysis, public management, economics, and political science; especially intended to integrate elements of professional programs in public policy and related areas. Students will design, in groups and individually, programs and policies that create value in the public sector, including statutes, regulations, and implementation projects. Comparative reviews will feature invited guests. Undergraduate level of 256.

Program and Policy Design: Read More

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructor: O'Hare
Formerly known as: 108

PUB POL 157 Arts and Cultural Policy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2017
Survey of government policy toward the arts (especially direct subsidy, copyright and regulation, and indirect assistance) and its effects on artists, audiences, and institutions. Emphasizes "highbrow" arts, U.S. policy, and the social and economic roles of participants in the arts. Readings, field trips, and case discussion. One paper in two drafts required for undergraduate credit; graduate credit awarded for an additional short paper to be arranged and attendance at four advanced colloquia throughout the term. Undergraduate level of 257.

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read More

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructor: O'Hare
Formerly known as: 108

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read Less
PUB POL C157 Arts and Cultural Policy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013
Survey of government policy toward the arts (especially direct subsidy, copyright and regulation, and indirect assistance) and its effects on artists, audiences, and institutions. Emphasizes “highbrow” arts, U.S. policy, and the social and economic roles of participants in the arts. Readings, field trips, and case discussion. One paper in two drafts required for undergraduate credit; graduate credit awarded for an additional short paper to be arranged and attendance at four advanced colloquia throughout the term. Undergraduate level of 257.

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Public Policy C157/Letters and Science C180X after taking Public Policy 108 or 157.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: O’Hare

Also listed as: L & S C180X

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C164 Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2007
Examination of the impact of policies of state intervention and public benefit programs on poor children and families. Introduction to child and family policy, and study of specific issue areas, such as income transfer programs, housing, health care, and child abuse.

Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: This course may be applied to the Demography major.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Mauldon

Also listed as: DEMOG C164

Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 179 Public Budgeting 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
Public sector budgeting incorporates many, perhaps most, of the skills of the public manager and analyst. The goal of this course is to develop and hone these skills. Using cases and readings from all levels of American government, the course will allow the student to gain and understanding of the effects and consequences of public sector budgeting, its processes and participants, and the potential impacts of various reforms. Undergraduate level of Public Policy 269. This course can be applied to the political science major.

Public Budgeting: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructor: Ellwood

Public Budgeting: Read Less [-]
PUB POL 182 Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008
Most environmental issues involve technology, either in the role of "villain" or "hero." This course uses the lens of specific technologies to survey environmental policy and management, with an emphasis on the complexities of policy-making with diverse interest groups. The class includes case studies, guest practitioners, and a group project in which students employ a range of analytic tools and frameworks in order to develop creative, effective, and actionable environmental solutions.

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Taylor

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C184 Energy and Society 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018 10 Week Session
Energy sources, uses, and impacts: an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy in international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer:
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Kammen
Also listed as: ENE,RES W100
Energy and Society: Read Less [-]

PUB POL W184 Energy and Society 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Summer 2019 8 Week Session
Energy sources, uses, and impacts: an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy in international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 1 hour of web-based discussion per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 1.5 hours of web-based discussion per week
Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Kammen
Also listed as: ENE,RES W100
Energy and Society: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C189 Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
In this interdisciplinary course students examine the relationships among social science, law, and crime prevention policy. Emphasis is placed on how psychological science (clinical, developmental, social) can inform decisions about individuals at high risk for repeated involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Topics of focus include risk assessment, adolescent development and juvenile justice, and prevention/intervention/correctional psychology. Students will have an opportunity to master a specific problem area. Broadly, goals are for students to a) become comfortable in translating crime prevention problems into social scientific questions, and b) specifically understand how research findings can inform law and policy.

Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Skeem
Also listed as: SOC WEL C181
Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy: Read Less [-]
PUB POL 190 Special Topics in Public Policy  1 - 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020  
Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public policy. Topics may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Open to students from other departments.  
Special Topics in Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring:  
7 weeks - 2-8 hours of lecture per week  
15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week  

Summer:  
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of lecture per week  
8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week  

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PUB POL 192AC Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change 3 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020  
This class will provide students with a grounding in the literature of social movement theory and history, with a special emphasis on social movements led by African American, Latinx, indigenous, and Asian Pacific Islander communities for equity. The class will also introduce students to the basics of social movement organizing, including mobilizing unlikely voters through organizing technique, and the theory of nonviolent direct action, all with a focus on race and gender equity.  
Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change: Read More [+]

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring:  
15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  

Summer:  
6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week  

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PUB POL 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units  
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018  
Group study of a selected topic or topics in Public Policy. Meetings to be arranged.  
Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring:  
15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week  

Summer:  
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week  
8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week  
10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week  

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PUB POL 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units  
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Fall 2018  
For upper division students wishing to pursue special study and directed research under direction of a member of the staff. Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.  
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: Upper division standing  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring:  
15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week  

Summer:  
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week  
8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week  
10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week  

Instructor: Jayaraman  
Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change: Read Less [-]