

PUBLIC POLICY AND LEADERSHIP ACROSS SECTORS, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Public Policy and Leadership Across Sectors (PPLAS) minor is appropriate for anyone interested in contemporary public policy, but it has been designed with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and business majors in mind. The minor introduces you to the practice of policy analysis, the process of policymaking and the values of public service. You will develop skills for effective cross-sectoral collaboration in the making and implementation of public policies.

Recognizing the multi-sector future of public policy is what drives the PPLAS curriculum. Popular courses in STEM and business fields provide pathways into the minor. Two required courses on policy analysis and leadership provide core skills for understanding and shaping public policies. Additional courses challenge you to apply those core skills to a variety of vexing policy problems and round out your preparation for inter-sectoral work. Whether you enter public service at the start, middle, or end of your career, the PPLAS minor provides you with an understanding of why that service is important to our society and how to approach it.

The program is a part of the Next Generation Service Corps (NextGen) initiative supported by the Volcker Alliance. Enrolling in the minor gives you the opportunity to participate in NextGen program activities ranging from lectures by policy leaders to service-learning activities. You will also be able to participate in the activities of any NextGen partner institution. These activities are not strictly required, giving you maximum flexibility to use the NextGen program to fulfill your interests.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PUBPL 304W	Public Policy Analysis	3
PUBPL 305	Leadership Studies	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
AFAM 409	Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America	

PUBPL/SOC 419	Race and Public Policy
PUBPL 471	Economic Inequality and Public Policy
PUBPL 481	Seminar in Environmental Policy
PUBPL 482	Seminar in Health Policy
PUBPL 490	Seminar in Public Policy
SOC 428	Homelessness in America

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 6 credits from the following: 6

BIOET 401Q	Science, Ethics, Policy, and Law
BLAW 341	Business Law I: Introduction to Contracts, Liability Issues, and Intellectual Property
CED 155	Science, Technology and Public Policy
CIVCM 211N	Foundations: Civic and Community Engagement
EDLDR 480	Introduction to Educational Leadership
EDSGN 100	Cornerstone Engineering Design
FOR 480	Policy and Administration
IST 110	Information, People and Technology
IST 432	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Information Science and Technology
LHR 201	Employment Relationship: Law and Policy
METEO 133N	Ethics of Climate Change
METEO 332N	Science and policy of global greenhouse gas emissions and management
MGMT 320	Establishing Workforce Diversity and Inclusion
MGMT 365	Social Entrepreneurship
MKTG 442	Sustainable Behavior of Consumers, Firms, and Societies
OLEAD 201	Organizational Theory and Functions for Leaders
OLEAD 210	Evidence-Based Leadership
OLEAD 409	Leadership Development: A Life-Long Learning Perspective
OLEAD 464	Communication Skills for Leaders in Groups and Organizations
OLEAD 465	Collective Decision Making
PLSC 202	American Public Policy
PLSC 404	Analyzing Public Policy in the American States
PLSC 438	National Security Policies
PLSC 490	Policy Making and Evaluation
PUBPL 120N	State, Society, and Public Policy
PUBPL 483	Seminar in National Security Policy

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary

academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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