

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.