

Public Policy Bridging Disciplines Program Certificate

This program focuses on how change happens: how did a journalist's inquiry into the effects of agricultural chemicals give rise to the environmental movement; how did a black woman's refusal to yield her bus seat to a white man galvanize the civil rights movement; how did a diplomat's cable about Russian history give rise to the policy of containment? Students will learn about the policy-making process, beginning with the point at which someone senses a problem or an opportunity and begins to press the matter. They will then walk through the processes by which that sense of a problem is turned into a public policy issue through research, mobilization, the engagement of political leaders, and in some instances, the passage and implementation of new policy.

This program will be beneficial to students who aspire to positions in policy-relevant institutions such as government agencies, legislative offices, think tanks, and advocacy groups. The program also will help students who plan to pursue careers in business, where success often depends on understanding how government works.

Total Hours Required: 19

Requirements

Requirements are listed in the table below. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#). Students should also review the [University's Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from: Forum Seminars		1
BDP 101.9	Introduction to Public Policy	
Hours chosen from: Public Policy Foundatio		3
GOV 358	Introduction to Public Policy	
GOV 370P	Policy-Making Process	
P A 301	Foundations of Public Affairs	
Additional hours chosen from: (three hours maximum may come from a Contexts category)		9
Communication Policy- Policy Emphasis		
CMS 345G	Communicating to Government	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Communication Policy- Contexts		
J 301F	Fundamental Issues in Journalism	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Community and Urban Policy- Policy Emphasis		
S W 323K	Social Welfare Programs, Policies, and Issues	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Community and Urban Policy- Contexts		
GOV 370U	Urban Politics	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Economic Policy- Policy Emphasis		
BGS 375	Business and Policy in the Age of Inequality	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Economic Policy- Contexts		

ECO 301		Introduction to Economics
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Education Policy- Policy Emphasis		
EDC 312	Foundations of United States Schooling	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Education Policy- Contexts		
SOC 307J	Education and Society	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Foreign Policy and Global Development- Policy Emphasis		
GOV 355M	Topics in Political Science	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Foreign Policy and Global Development- Contexts		
GOV 360F	Global Governance	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Health Policy- Policy Emphasis		
H S 330	Health Care Policy in the United States	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Health Policy- Contexts		
PBH 338	Environmental Health	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Political Institutions, Structures, and Processes- Policy Emphasis		
GOV 371I	The United States Congress	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Political Institutions, Structures, and Processes- Contexts		
GOV 330K	The American President	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Race, Immigration, and Citizenship- Policy Emphasis		
AFR 360L	Race and United States Social Policy	
Other courses from approved list on the BDP website		
Race, Immigration, and Citizenship- Contexts		
CMS 367I	Topics in Interpersonal Communication	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Science and Technology Policy- Policy Emphasis		
C S 349	Contemporary Issues in Computer Science	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Science and Technology Policy- Contexts		
HIS 350R.7	Environmental History of North America	
Hours chosen from: Approved list		
Approved Hours chosen from: Research or internship Connecting Experiences (see advisor)		6
BDP 320K	Connecting Research Experience	
BDP 320L	Connecting Research Experience	
BDP 325K	Connecting Internship Experience	
<u>Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies</u>		
Total Hours		19

Additional Requirements and Policy

- A three to four page essay in which students reflect on what they have learned and accomplished through their experience is required. The essay is reviewed and must be approved by a member of the faculty panel in order to complete the certificate requirements
- To create an interdisciplinary experience, students must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Only one of the strand courses may come from the student's major department(s) or from same as with the student's major department(s). The certificate as a whole must represent a variety of disciplines; the advisor can help

ensure that the coursework will meet the certificate requirements for interdisciplinarity.

- In courses taken for a letter grade, the student must obtain a grade of at least C- .
- A cumulative certificate GPA of at least 2.0 is required.
- Only one BDP course, including connecting experience, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.
- The student may be able to count courses toward the certificate that are not listed, if enough of the course content relates to the BDP topic. Consult with the advisor to petition a course to count towards the certificate.