



The Public Policy Program combines political science, sociology, philosophy, economics, social psychology, history and other academic fields to create a rigorous, interdisciplinary major. It is intended for individuals who seek to analyze public policy issues and implement solutions.

The program is designed to give students the tools and background needed to understand the role of public policy in society, how public policies are developed and implemented, appreciate the conflicts in fundamental human values that often animate policy debates, understand the political constraints faced by policy makers, assess the performance of alternative approaches to policy implementation, and how to evaluate policy options.

Major Requirements

The Public Policy major requires successful completion of 11 total courses as follows:

- three introductory courses: ECN 102, POL 111, and PPL 213
- one statistics course: MTH 125
- one research method course: POL 340
- one ethics course (choose one): PHL 135, PHL 231, POL 342
- three courses in a policy emphasis: (choose one of the four policy emphases and complete 3 courses within the emphasis)

Environmental Policy:

ECN 391; EVS 201; EVS 315; PPL 313; PPL 317; PPL 319

Law and Policy:

POL 315; POL 411; POL 412; ECN 319

Public Administration:

POL 310; ACC 211; BUS 301; ECN 322

US Policy:

ECN 309; POL 210; POL 302; POL 310; PPL 313; POL 315; PPL 319

**Any emphasis can choose PPL 350 (with topic approval from the PPL director)*

- one internship: field specific internship experience to be taken prior to or concurrently with PPL 360. Internship must be pre-approved by PPL director.
- internship colloquium: PPL 360 Public Policy Internship Experience and Colloquium
- one capstone course: PPL 400 Policy Analysis Seminar

Program Requirements

The Public Policy minor requires successful completion of six courses: POL 111; PPL 213; MTH 125 or POL 340; PPL 400; and any two Policy courses from the following: POL 210; POL 302; POL 310; PPL 313; POL 315; PPL 317; PPL 319; PPL 350

Note:

Students majoring in Political Science may not also major in Public Policy. Students majoring in Political Science may minor in Public Policy with a limit of two courses counting toward both courses of study.

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.



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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Public policy majors completed research projects and internships with organizations such as the NAACP, AmeriCorps Vista, and the Local Government Academy. They also regularly intern with government departments/agencies, law firms, local judges, and on political campaigns.
- In the 2021 spring semester, 10 students also completed the W&J Center for Energy Policy & Management's pilot training program to become LEED Green Associates.
- Public policy students also have the opportunity to present their research in Capstone projects to the campus community as well as externally on blogs, create websites, contribute to newspapers and radio programs, and attend academic conferences.

Successful Alumni

The public policy program attracts students who want to make a difference in creating a better world. Here are just a few of our success stories—as you can see, our majors have wide-ranging interests!

- Grace Kovalan is a Business Development Representative at RoadRunner Recycling in Pittsburgh.
- Erin Herock is pursuing her Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning at UVA (University of Virginia).
- Adriana Rodriguez-Ruiz will be a Technical Cooperation Intern in the Division of Latin America and the Caribbean with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).



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