

**The Ohio State University
John Glenn College of Public Affairs
Public Policy Minor (PUBPOL-MN)**

John Glenn College of Public Affairs
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Public policy refers to the actions taken by government to solve public problems and their resulting impacts. The minor introduces students to the study of public policy, policy analysis, and the policy-making process. Students in the minor are provided an excellent vehicle for integrating ideas drawn from multiple disciplines around issues of real-world significance. The public policy minor is designed for students outside of the Glenn College.

The public policy minor requires the completion of a minimum of 15 credit hours, plus a 3-credit hour prerequisite course. Two required courses provide an overview of public policy and policy analysis, with students choosing two other courses that further hone their understanding of the policy-making process. Students also take a course that focuses on an applied policy issue area of interest.

Prerequisite Course (one course; 3 CH):

ECON/AEDECON 2001.xx(H): Introduction to Microeconomics

Required Core Courses (two courses; 6 CH):

1. POLITSC 3115: Introduction to the Policy Process
-OR-
PUBAFRS 2110: Introduction to Public Affairs
2. PUBAFRS 3000: Public Policy Analysis

Elective Courses (two courses; 6 CH):

Choose any two courses from the list below:

AEDECON 5330: Benefit-Cost Analysis
ECON 4001.xx: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
ECON 4300: Government Finance in the American Economy
ECON 4320: Public Expenditure and Cost-Benefit Analysis
ECON 4400: Elementary Econometrics
ECON 5410: Econometrics I
POLITSC 3450: Ethics and Public Policy
POLITSC 4115: Bureaucracy and Public Policy
POLITSC 4125: American State Politics
POLITSC 4130: Law and Politics
POLITSC 4137: The Politics of Legal Decision Making
POLITSC 4175: Women, Government, and Public Policy
PUBAFRS 4000: Public Policy Evaluation
PUBAFRS 4010: Public Affairs Decision-Making
PUBAFRS 4020: Contemporary Issues in Governance: Washington DC
PUBAFRS 4021: Research Paper in Public Affairs: Washington DC
PUBAFRS 4310: State and Local Government Finance
PUBAFRS 4510: Law and Public Affairs

Applied Policy Course (1 course, 3 CH)

Students choose one 3 credit hour course at the 3000 level or higher focusing on a substantive policy area such as education, natural resources, economic development, or security. Course may come from any department but must be approved by the minor advisor. Students may also count approved department internship credit for this requirement pending advisor approval.

Public Policy minor program guidelines

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-level courses (3000-level or above) as defined by the John Glenn College of Public Affairs

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors.

Grades Required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work grade Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 Credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

Students must obtain the approval of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Public Policy minor. Please see the [JGCPA website](http://jgcpa.osu.edu) to schedule an appointment to request approval.

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