

Public Policy, Minor

Many of the most important and impactful decisions about science, health, technology and business take place in the arena of public policy. Both in the public and private sectors, knowledge of how public policy works and an ability to communicate in the language of policy analysis are highly valued. Perhaps more importantly, many of the most important societal dilemmas—problems like climate change, societal aging, migration and infectious diseases that cut to the core of what it means to care for our common world—demand the kind of engaged problem solving that is consistent with Marquette's Jesuit mission.

Students completing the minor in public policy develop their critical thinking and analytical skills, as well as detailed knowledge of public policies and the policymaking process. Students learn to think critically about public policies using a range of social scientific skills, to design policies in a way that maximizes their efficacy and to write and communicate clearly about important policy issues. Finally, the program fosters a public-service perspective on decision-making, prompting students to weigh alternative courses of action in terms of responsibility, fairness and equity.

The minor requires 18 credits of course work, including 9 credits of foundational courses in American or comparative politics, statistics, and policy analysis and 9 credits of elective courses focused on specific areas of public policy.

Minor in Public Policy

The minor in public policy consists of six courses (18 credit hours): three required courses (9 credit hours) and three elective courses (9 credit hours) as listed below:

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses:		9
POSC 2201 or POSC 2401	American Politics Comparative Politics	
POSC 3202	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Science	
POSC 4216	Public Policy Analysis	
Elective Courses - Choose three of the following:		9
POSC 4276	Courts and Public Policy	
POSC 4281	Urban Public Policy	
POSC 4351	Environmental Politics and Policy	
POSC 4356	Politics of the Internet	
POSC 4376	American National Security Policy	
POSC 4381	Politics of U.S. Health Care	
POSC 4406	Public Policy in Industrial Democracies	
POSC 4461	Comparative Health Politics and Policy	
POSC 4481	Comparative Urban Political Economy	
POSC 4701	United States Foreign Policy	
POSC 4987	Internships as Field Experience	
Total Credit Hours:		18

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