

# MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

With Capitol Hill and the White House as neighbors, GW is the ideal place to study political science. Inside the classroom, students learn from a faculty of leading experts in policy issues, political behavior, and current events. Outside the classroom, there are ample opportunities to intern on the Hill, on political campaigns, or at government agencies. Students interested in public policy may wish to add this focus to their major. By examining politics in-depth on both a national and international scale, program graduates are well prepared to enter a variety of careers in research, public affairs, public policy, and political campaigns. A number of graduates also decide to continue their education through graduate work or law school.

This program is not available to political science majors.

Visit the program website (<https://politicalscience.columbian.gwu.edu/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:  
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## REQUIREMENTS

The minor in public policy is not available to political science majors.

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 24 credits, including 15 credits in required courses and 9 credits in elective courses.

| Code                     | Title  | Credits |
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| <b>Required</b>          |  |         |
| ECON 1011                | Principles of Economics I                        |         |
| ECON 1012                | Principles of Economics II                       |         |
| PSC 1001<br>or PSC 1001W | Introduction to Comparative Politics             |         |
| PSC 1002<br>or PSC 1002W | Introduction to American Politics and Government |         |
| PSC 2101                 | Scope and Methods of Political Science           |         |

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| or COMM 3110 | Research Methods in Communication            |
| or IAFF 2101 | Qualitative Methods in International Affairs |
| or PSC 2102  | Visualizing and Modeling Politics            |
| or PSYC 2101 | Research Methods in Psychology               |
| or PUBH 3199 | Topics in Public Health                      |
| or SMPA 2151 | Research Methods                             |
| or SOC 2102  | Techniques of Data Analysis                  |

Note: PUBH 3199 must be taken on the topic Research Methods in Public Health to count toward the research methods requirement.

### Electives

Three courses (9 credits) selected from the following:

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| PSC 2212 | State and Urban Policy Problems       |
| PSC 2213 | Judicial Politics                     |
| PSC 2216 | The American Presidency               |
| PSC 2217 | Executive Branch Politics             |
| PSC 2218 | Legislative Politics                  |
| PSC 2219 | Political Parties and Interest Groups |
| PSC 2222 | Science, Technology, and Politics     |
| PSC 2224 | Issues in Domestic Public Policy      |
| PSC 2240 | Poverty, Welfare, and Work            |
| PSC 2241 | The Politics of Education Policy      |
| PSC 2446 | U.S. Foreign Policy                   |
| PSC 2468 | Post-Soviet Foreign Policy            |