

# Public Policy

Housed in the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the public policy concentration is dedicated to the study of health care and social welfare policy, education policy, urban policy, law and criminal justice, and media and technology. Public policy refers to societal initiatives to remedy social problems. Because social problems typically emerge from complex, multi-faceted social conditions, the study of public policy requires students to become familiar with the insights of diverse academic disciplines into how institutions facilitate or inhibit societal problem-solving. The study of public policy is an excellent framework for integrating ideas drawn from several disciplines around issues of real world significance. Concentrators with a particular interest in such applications should consider the Engaged Scholars Program (<http://watson.brown.edu/public-policy/node/391>). All concentrators emerge with a sound understanding of institutional change and are well-equipped to contribute to processes of social change.

## Required Courses: 10 courses + capstone

### Core Courses:

PLCY 0100	Introduction to Public Policy	1
	Ethics and Public Policy	1
	POLS 1050 Ethics and Public Policy or PLCY 1700T Good Government	
	Economics for Public Policy	1
	ECON 1110 Intermediate Microeconomics	
	ECON 1130 Intermediate Microeconomics (Mathematical)	
	EDUC 1130 Economics of Education I	
	Statistics for Public Policy	1
	POLS 1600 Political Research Methods	
	EDUC 1100 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	
	ECON 1620 Introduction to Econometrics	
	ECON 1630 Econometrics I	
	SOC 1100 Introductory Statistics for Social Research	
	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	1
	PLCY 1200 Program Evaluation or EDUC 1160 Evaluating the Impact of Social Programs	

### Elective Courses: <sup>1, 2</sup>

Three Broad Elective Courses: May be taken in any policy area	3
Two more electives in one of the areas you have already studied	2

Sample electives may include the following:

#### Health Policy

PHP 1100	Comparative Health Care Systems
PHP 1520	Emergency Medical Systems: An Anatomy of Critical Performance
PHP 1530	Case Studies in Public Health: The Role of Governments, Communities and Professions
PLCY 1700K	Health Policy Challenges

#### Technology Policy

CSCI 1800	Cybersecurity and International Relations
PLCY 1700J	GIS and Public Policy
POLS 1822X	Technology and International Politics
STS 1700C	Science and Technology Policy in the Global South

#### Environmental Policy

ENVS 1350	Environmental Economics and Policy
ENVS 1410	Environmental Law and Policy

ENVS 1530	From Locke to Deep Ecology: Property Rights and Environmental Policy
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ENVS 1555	Urban Agriculture: The Importance of Localized Food Systems
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PHP 1700	Current Topics in Environmental Health
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#### Governance, Law, and Ethics

PLCY 1700Z	State and Local Government
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PLCY 1701H	Congressional Leadership, Parties and Public Policy
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POLS 0220	City Politics
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POLS 1010	Topics in American Constitutional Law
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#### Social Policy

ECON 1170	Welfare Economics and Social Choice Theory
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PLCY 1700B	Social Welfare Policy in the United States
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PLCY 1700S	Policies Affecting Working Families
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PLCY 1701M	Juvenile Justice Institutions and Policy
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SOC 1540	Human Needs and Social Services
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#### Urban Policy

ECON 1420	Urbanization in China
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PLCY 1700Q	Urban Policy Challenges: Spatial Inequality in Metropolitan America
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PLCY 1700R	Urban Revitalization: Lessons from the Providence Plan
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SOC 1600	Comparative Development
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URBN 1870F	Housing and Homelessness
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#### Modes of Social Change

PLCY 1700V	Nonprofit Organizations
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PLCY 1701Q	Leading Social Ventures - Social Entrepreneurship in Action
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PLCY 1800	Investigating Modes of Social Change
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PLCY 1910	Social Entrepreneurship
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SOC 1870A	Investing in Social Change
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Senior Capstone: The capstone may take the form of an Honors Thesis, Independent Study, a Public Policy internship, research Assistantship, UTRA Assistantship, or designated Senior Seminar

Total Credits	10
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<sup>1</sup> Two of the five elective courses must have a primary listing in Public Policy. One of the five must be designated as a writing course.

<sup>2</sup> One elective must be focused on global issues

## Honors

Candidates for honors should apply in the Spring term of their third year. Successful candidates will enroll in the Public Policy Colloquium and prepare a senior honors paper.

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Helvetica was used instead of Arial.

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