

Public Policy Major – Bachelor of Arts

General Education Requirements				PLCY Major Requirements		
				<i>C- or better is required in all major courses and the cumulative average of these courses must be a 2.0.</i>		
Fundamental Studies				Requirements	Credits	Grade
<i>Requirements: 15 Credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Benchmark Requirement One		
				<i>Must be completed by the end of two semesters into the major</i>		
AW: Academic Writing		3		PLCY100—Foundations of Public Policy (HS)	3	
PW: Professional Writing— Taken after 60 credits		3		HIST201 Interpreting American History: From 1865 to the Present (HU)	3	
OC: Oral Communication		3		Benchmark Requirement Two		
				<i>Must be completed by the end of four semesters into the major</i>		
MA: Fundamental Studies Math				PLCY 101 Great Thinkers on Public Policy (HS/IS)	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	STAT100	3		STAT 100 (AR) Elementary Statistics and Probability or higher (STAT100 equivalent accepted)	3	
Distributive Studies				Required Major Courses		
<i>Requirements: 25 Credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	ECON 200 Principles of Microeconomics (HS)	3	
NL: Natural Sciences Lab*		4		PLCY 201 Public Leaders and Active Citizens (SP/IS)	3	
NS: Natural Sciences*		3/4		PLCY 203 Liberty and Justice for All: Ethics and Moral Issues in Public Policy	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	PLCY100	3		PLCY 300 Governance: Collective Action in the Public Interest (Pre-req: PLCY100)	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200	3		PLCY302 Examining Pluralism in Public Policy (UP)	3	
HU: Humanities	HIST201	3		PLCY 303 Public Economics: Raising and Spending the People’s Money (Pre-req: ECON200)	3	
HU: Humanities		3		PLCY 304 Evaluating Evidence: Finding Truth in Numbers (Pre-req: STATS100 or equivalent)	4	
SP: Scholarship in Practice	PLCY201	3		PLCY 309 Policy Internship OR Approved Internship from another department OR Approved Study Abroad	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be outside major requirement)*		3		PLCY306: Public Policy Analysis in Action (Taken after 60 credits)	3	
I-Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)				PLCY 400 Senior Capstone (Taken after 90 credits; Pre-req: PLCY306)	3	
<i>Requirements: 6 Credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy (Taken after 90 credits)	3	
IS: I-Series	PLCY201	3		Introduction to Public Policy Focus or General Policy elective	3	
IS: I-Series	PLCY101	3		Focus or General Policy electives (9 credits)		
				<i>Students may choose an area of focus or choose general policy related electives</i>		
Diversity (All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses.)				Focus/Policy Elective Course 1		
				Focus/Policy Elective Course 2		
<i>Requirements: 4 - 6 Credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Focus/Policy Elective Course 3		
UP: Cultural Competence	PLCY302	3		TOTAL Major Credits		58
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	HIST201	3		General electives/minor/double major credits	22	
TOTAL General Education Credits		40		TOTAL UMD Credits needed for graduation		120

Requirements for Graduation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework |
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Public Policy Major Four Year Plan

Requirements	Year 1: Fall	Credit	Year 1: Spring	Credit
Benchmark 1 PLCY 100 HIST201 Must be completed by the end of two semesters into the major.	PLCY100 Foundations of Public Policy (HS)	3	ENGL101 (AW)	3
	Oral Communication (OC)	3	Natural Science course (NS)	3
	Humanities (HU)	3	STAT100 Elementary Statistics and Probability (AR)	3
	HIST201 Interpreting American History: From 1865 to the Present (HU and UP)	3	PLCY101 Great Thinkers on Public Policy (HS/IS)	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>
Benchmark 2 PLCY 101 STAT100 Must be completed by the end of four semesters into the major.	Year 2: Fall	Credit	Year 2: Spring	Credit
	ECON200 Principles of Microeconomics (HS)	3	Natural Science Lab (NL)	4
	Introduction to Public Policy Focus or General Policy elective	3	PLCY 201 Public Leaders and Active Citizens (SP/IS)	3
	PLCY 203 Liberty and Justice for All: Ethics and Moral Issues in Public Policy	3	PLCY302 Examining Pluralism in Public Policy (UP)	3
	General UMD Elective	3	Scholarship in Practice (SP) Outside major requirements	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>
	Year 3: Fall	Credit	Year 3: Spring	Credit
	PLCY 300 Governance: Collective Action in the Public Interest	3	PLCY306 Public Policy Analysis in Action	3
	PLCY 304 Evaluating Evidence: Finding Truth in Numbers	4	PLCY 303 Public Economics: Raising and Spending the People's Money	3
	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3	PLCY309 Internship course	3
	Professional Writing (PW)	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
	Year 4: Fall	Credit	Year 4: Spring	Credit
	PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy	3	PLCY400 Senior Capstone	3
	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>
TOTAL Credits = 120				