



PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

The Public Policy Analysis Certificate (PPAC) is an interdisciplinary program that allows you to gain skills related to the policy process and the methodology for analyzing policy problems and programs.

The Public Policy Analysis Certificate will appear on your official transcript and gives you a skill that can be placed on your resume. Employers in all fields want to hire students who are analytical and evaluative.

Academics

FIRST LEVEL

Covers the theories, processes, models, and methods of policy analysis.

- **POLS 235** Public Policy: Concepts and Processes
- **POLS 236** Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models

SECOND LEVEL

Examines the interpersonal, interagency and inter-group negotiation processes within which policy making occurs.

Select one:

- **COMM / ETHN 311** Intercultural and Intergroup Communication
- **COMM 371** Communication in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- **COMM 375** Theories of Persuasion
- **POLS / ANTH / SOCI 261** Conflict and Conflict Resolution

THIRD LEVEL

Applies models, methods, and the understanding of the policy process in substantive policy areas. Students consult with the policy certificate coordinator to create a specialized plan of study for this level.

FOURTH LEVEL

Internship (capstone experience). Students intern in a governmental or nonprofit agency relating to their area of interest or expertise.

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.