

MINOR IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Political Science Overview (<https://catalog.pacific.edu/uop/collegeofthepacific/politicalscience/#text>)
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Minor in Public Affairs

The field of public affairs studies how and why governments make choices about different kinds of public policies, for example environmental or health policy. It also studies how governments implement (put into practice) their policy choices. As a field, public affairs is inherently interdisciplinary, bringing together theories, concepts from Economics, Political Science, and Sociology (among other disciplines).

The Public Affairs Minor introduces students to foundational concepts in each of these primary academic disciplines, introduces a framework for thinking about how governments make and/or implement policy choices, and then invites students to explore a specific policy area of their choosing in greater detail.

Students must complete a minimum of 20 units and 6 courses with a Pacific minor grade point average of 2.0 in order to earn the minor in public affairs.

Minor Requirements:

One of the Following Economics:

ECON 053	Introductory Microeconomics
ECON 055	Introductory Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy

One of the following Political Science courses:

POLS 011	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 041	U.S. Government and Politics

One of the following Sociology courses:

SOCI 041	Social Problems
SOCI 051	Introduction to Sociology

Select one of the following Public Policy/Administration courses:

POLS 119	Government in Action: Public Policy Analysis
POLS 128	Introduction to Public Administration

One (1) of the following Research Methods courses: 4

COMM 160	Communication Research Methods
ECON 161	Empirical Methods
POLS 133	Political Science Research
SOCI 171	Social Research Methods

One of the following Policy Topics courses: 4

COMM 117	Public Advocacy
COMM 143	Intercultural Communication
ECON 131	Public Finance
ECON 157	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
ECON 180	Labor Economics
ECON 183	Health Economics
HIST 132	American Immigration
HIST 133	Women in United States History
HIST 136	American Environmental History
POLS 111	Introduction to Health Policy
POLS 156	Immigration and Justice
POLS 170	U.S. Foreign Policy

POLS 174	Global Environmental Policy
SOCI 033	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice
SOCI 111	Environmental Justice
SOCI 125	Sociology of Health and Illness
SOCI 161	Urban Society

Note: 1) Four courses must be completed at Pacific. 2) At least three courses for the minor must be outside a student's first major.