

Career Competency Combination: Public Policy Analysis

Introduction:

This career competency combination is designed to draw together courses in the liberal arts disciplines that will prepare students for professional careers, either in the public or the private sector, in public policy analysis. In the private sector they may work in corporate governmental relations offices or work for private non-profit organizations. In these organizations, they may be called upon to interpret and implement governmental regulations or to advocate changes in public policy. Competency in any of these positions requires some knowledge of political institutions and processes, the history of governmental policy, economic analysis, and the ability to compile, interpret, and communicate relevant information.

Course Distribution:

I. To promote economic, political historical, and social understanding of our society and current policies, choose a minimum of 9 hours from at least three departments:

ECO 105	Principles of Economics or ECO 101 or ECO 102 (3 hrs)	4 hrs.
ECO 350	Public Finance	3 hrs.
ECO 351	State and Local Finance	3 hrs.
ENG 160	Women in Literature OR	3 hrs.
ENG 360	Studies in Women and Literature (You may take only one of these.)	3 hrs.
ENG 165	African-American Literature OR	3 hrs.
ENG 265	Foundations of African-American Literature and Culture	3 hrs.
HIS 230	The Contemporary World	3 hrs.
HIS 256	American Economic History	3 hrs.
HIS 257	African-American History to 1865	3 hrs.
HIS 258	African-American History Since 1865	3 hrs.
HIS 322	American Urban History	3 hrs.
HIS 327	American Labor History	3 hrs.
PHI 238	Rights and Wrongs	3 hrs.
PHI 240	Political Philosophy	3 hrs.
POL 231	Public Administration	3 hrs.
POL 232	Politics and Public Policy	3 hrs.
POL 318	Administrative Law	3 hrs.
SOA 185	Cultures of the World	3 hrs.
SOA 240	People and Places: Understanding and Developing Community	3 hrs.
SOA 366	Contemporary Social Movements	3 hrs.

II. To promote environmental understanding of our world, choose at least 6 hours:

BSC 202	Human Ecology	3 hrs.
CHE 102	Chemistry and Society	3 hrs.
GEO 205	Conservation of Natural Resources	3 hrs.
PHY 101	Exploring the Universe OR	3 hrs.
PHY 102	Atoms to Galaxies	3 hrs.
SOC 330	Society and Environment	3 hrs.

III. To promote quantitative skills, choose at least 3 hours:

ECO 138	Social Science Reasoning Using Statistics OR GEO, POL, PSY 138	4 hrs.
POL 209	Empirical Research Methods	3 hrs.
PSY 340	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3 hrs.
SOA 275	Social Statistics	3 hrs.

IV. To promote writing and communication skills, choose at least 6 hours from two departments:

COM 125	Argumentation	3 hrs.
COM 202	Persuasive Public Speaking	3 hrs.
COM 223	Small Group Processes	3 hrs.
ENG 145	Language and Composition II	3 hrs.
ENG 246	Advanced Exposition	3 hrs.
ENG 249	Technical Writing I	3 hrs.