The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean’s office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor in addition to and as a complement to a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Minor in Public Policy

The minor in Public Policy requires 21 hours of course work.

To earn a minor in Public Policy, students must complete the following:

**Prerequisite (3 hours)**

ECO 201 Principles of Economics I ..........................................................3

**Minor Requirements (12 hours)**

PPL 201 Introduction to Public Policy .......................................................3
PPL 301 Economics of Public Policy ..........................................................3
PPL 302 Political Context of Public Policy .................................................3
PPL 303 Public Service Organizations ......................................................3

**Guided Electives (6 hours)**

Students choose 6 credit hours of public policy (PPL) courses from the following list:

PPL 304 Public and Nonprofit Financial Management ..............................3
PPL 306 Ethics and Civic Leadership .........................................................3
PPL 307 Diplomacy and Leadership ...........................................................3
*PPL 380 Special Topics in Public Policy ....................................................3
PPL 405 Program Evaluation for Public Nonprofit Organizations ...............3
PPL 421 Cross Cultural Negotiations .........................................................3
PPL 422 Behavioral Aspects of Public Policy ..............................................3
PPL 575 Education Finance and Policy .......................................................3
PPL 583 Tax Policy .....................................................................................3
PPL 584 Environmental Policy .................................................................3

*PPL 380 is repeatable up to 6 hours under different subtitles.