

LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

Description

The leadership and public policy minor is designed to appeal to students in a wide variety of majors that desire to complement their primary field of study with practical knowledge that will enable them to serve as public leaders. The minor will direct students to think critically about the viable solutions needed to solve problems that require effective leadership for the public good. It will engage students in learning about leadership for the public good and effective citizenship.

Students in the minor will learn the role of leadership in public policy. Specifically, they will learn how people in positions of both public responsibility (such as government officials) and private influence (such as the heads of for-profit and non-profit organizations) act in the realm of public policy: how demands for changes to public policy are organized and communicated, how social problems are identified and policies to address them are developed, how such policies are formally enacted, how they are implemented, and how they are evaluated.

This minor will offer students a substantive qualification in public policy leadership and will give them a way to demonstrate a specific commitment in this area of expertise to potential employers and graduate programs. It will prepare students for work in public organizations, as well as private for-profit and non-profit organizations, involved in the policy-making process. It will also prepare them for graduate studies in fields such as political science, public administration, and law.

Other Information

All coursework taken for the leadership and public policy minor must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

The leadership and public policy minor is intended for majors outside of political science. Should a political science major choose to also minor in leadership and public policy, minor requirements will not double-count within the political science major.

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Leadership and Public Policy, Minor Requirements

The minor in leadership and public policy requires a total of 15 credit hours. Students will be required to take the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
All of the following:		6
PSCI 2110	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY	
PSCI 2120	INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP	
or PA 2000	LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION	
Select three upper division courses in leadership or public policy from the following: ¹		9
PSCI 3010	URBAN POLITICS	
PSCI 3040	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF NEBRASKA	

PSCI 3050	STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
BLST/PSCI 3410	LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY
PSCI 4030	THE PRESIDENCY
PSCI 4040	CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
PSCI 4050	THE JUDICIAL PROCESS
PA 3200	PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION
PA 4300	SEMINAR IN PUBLIC POLICY
PA 4390	PUBLIC BUDGETING

¹ Other appropriate upper-division courses may also be used with the permission of an advisor.