

PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW, BS

Overview

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Law

The Public Policy and Law, BS is accepting applications for admissions effective Spring 2027.

Students in Public Policy and Law become expert in the economics of public policy in general and in its application to specific areas of interest. This concentration will expose students to the legal and institutional structures in which policies are developed, the analysis of the economic impacts of policies, and special circumstances of public policy and law pertaining to the environment, consumers, the agricultural sector, international relations, and other.

Degree Requirements

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required in the College of ACES: 35 hours, 20 of which must be in the Department of ACE.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300 and 400 level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by ACE 100 or ECON 102; and ECON 103	
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3

Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I) 6-10
fulfilled by MATH 220, MATH 221, or MATH 234; and ACE 262

Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required) 0-15

Code	Title	Hours
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Department Foundation

ACE 123	Introduction to ACE	2
or ACES 200	ACES Transfer Orientation	

ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	3 or 4
or ECON 102	Microeconomic Principles	

ECON 103	Macroeconomic Principles	3
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ACE 161	Computer Concepts & Applications	3
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or CS 105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech	
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ACCY 201	Accounting and Accountancy I	3
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ACE 262	Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	3
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Communication Option:		3 or 6
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CMN 101	Public Speaking	
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ALEC 115	Let's Talk about Food, Agriculture, and the Environment	
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CMN 111 & CMN 112	Oral & Written Comm I and Oral & Written Comm II	
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ACE 341	Careers and Professionalism	1 or 2
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ACE 300	Intermediate Applied Microeconomics	3
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Major Coursework

Calculus Option - Select one of the following:		4 or 5
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MATH 220	Calculus	
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MATH 221	Calculus I	
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MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
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ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Option - Select one of the following:		3
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ACE 398	Experiential Learning (Study Abroad/Other Campus Study Abroad)	
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ACE 411	Environment and Development	
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ACE 417	Climate Change Economics and Policy	
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ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management	
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ACE 436	International Business Immersion	
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ACE 451	Agriculture in Intl Dev	
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Policy Requirements:		9
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ACE 203	Introduction to Public Policy and Law	
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ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture	
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ACE 456	Agricultural and Food Policies	
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Law Requirements:		9
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ACE 303	Intro to Legal Principles	
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ACE 306	Food Law	
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ACE 406	Environmental Law	
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Public Policy and Law Electives		12
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Choose 12 hours of electives. You may partially fulfill these hours by completing one or more optional tracks, or by selecting courses as standalone electives.

Data Analytics Track:		11-13
ACE 264	Applied Statistical Methods & Data Analytics 2	
ACE 360	Spreadsheet Models and Applications	
ACE 407	Business and Industry Data Analysis	
ACE 408	Environmental Valuation	
Resource Economics Track (pick 3):		9 or 10
ACE 210	Environmental Economics & Policy	
ACE 255	Economics of Food and Environmental Justice	
ACE 310	Natural Resource Economics	
ACE 410	Energy Economics and Policy	
Global Track (pick 3, can overlap with the ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Requirement):		9-12
ACE 254	Economic Systems in Africa	
ACE 411	Environment and Development	
ACE 417	Climate Change Economics and Policy	
ACE 451	Agriculture in Intl Dev	
Additional Elective Options:		
ACE 280	Experiencing Agritourism	
ACE 291	Ag Policy & Leadership	
ACE 292	Farm, Food & Environmental Policy	
ACE 321	Principles of Public Policy	
ACE 335	Food Marketing and Behavior	
ACE 346	Tax Policy and Finan Planning	
ACE 403	Agricultural Law	
ACE 430	Corporate Food Marketing	
LAW 301	Introduction to Law	

Code	Title	Hours
Total Hours		120

Sample Sequence

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This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 100 - Introduction to Applied Microeconomics or ECON 102 - Microeconomic Principles	3
ACE 123 - Introduction to ACE or ACES 200 - ACES Transfer Orientation	2
Composition I or Communication Option	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education Course	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 161 - Computer Concepts & Applications or CS 105 - Intro Computing: Non-Tech	3
ECON 103 - Macroeconomic Principles	3
Calculus Option	4
Communication Option or Composition I	4
Semester Hours	14

Second Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACCY 201 - Accounting and Accountancy I	3
ACE 203 - Introduction to Public Policy and Law	3
ACE 262 - Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	3
ACE 341 - Careers and Professionalism	1
General Education Course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	16

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Public Policy and Law Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Third Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 455 - International Trade in Food and Agriculture	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Public Policy and Law Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 300 - Intermediate Applied Microeconomics	3
ACE 303 - Intro to Legal Principles	3
ACE 456 - Agricultural and Food Policies	3
ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Option	3
General Education course	3
Semester Hours	15

Fourth Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 406 - Environmental Law	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Public Policy and Law Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
ACE 306 - Food Law	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Public Policy and Law Elective	3
Semester Hours	15

Total Hours

Total hours for all requirements: 120

Learning Outcomes

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3. Use appropriate analytical tools to evaluate policy design, implementation, and impact.
4. Apply context appropriate skills to effectively communicate and collaborate throughout the policy development, implementation, and evaluative process with diverse and multi-disciplinary groups.

Contact Information

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1. Understand the legal framework for government institutions, regulatory systems, and the policy development process.
2. Interpret and apply legal and economic principles and theories to understand interconnected problems and develop solutions that balance competing needs and points of view.