

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
PUBLIC POLICY & SERVICE

About the Program

The interdisciplinary public policy and service major integrates coursework from public policy/administration and nonprofit studies. Courses in the major focus on the development, implementation, analysis and evaluation of policies that are relevant to the public good, including policies related to justice, equity and quality of life.

Outcomes & Opportunities

- Students learn the fundamentals of administration and policymaking in the United States, while developing skills in budgeting, personnel management, policy analysis and program evaluation, and expertise in a specific policy area. Students are prepared for careers in public, nonprofit and private sectors.
- Students may complete coursework in Washington, D.C., through the Washington Internship Institute and the Washington Center with whom the University has articulation agreements.
- Students will complete an internship, community-based learning course or independent study that gets them out into the community to apply firsthand what they learned in the classroom.
- The Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Service (CEEPS) at The University of Scranton provides opportunities for students to work and learn alongside, and network with, experienced professionals in the field.

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PUBLIC POLICY & SERVICE CURRICULUM

	Department & Number - Descriptive Title of Course	Fall Cr.	Spr. Cr.
FIRST YEAR			
MAJOR	PS 120 - (S) U.S. Politics: Principles & Citizenship – PS 121 - (S) U.S. Politics: Institutions & Policy OR PS 135 - (S) State & Local Government	3	3
GE ELECT	GE ELECT – Free Electives		6
GE HUMN	HUMN ELECT - Humanities Electives	3	3
GE EP	PS 110 - (FYOC, FYDT) Scranton & the World ¹	3	
GE WRTG	WRTG 107 - (FYW) Composition	3	
GE T/RS - PHIL	T/RS 121 - (P) Theology I: Introduction to the Bible – PHIL 120 - Introduction to Philosophy	3	3
GE FSEM	First Year Seminar*		
		15	15
SECOND YEAR			
MAJOR	PS 232 - Public Administration – PS 234 - Policy Analysis	3	3
MAJOR	PS 210 - (Q, EPW) Political Science Research	3	
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives	3	3
GE HUMN	HUMN ELECT - Humanities Electives	3	3
GE PHIL - T/RS	PHIL 210 - Ethics – T/RS 122 - (P) Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3	3
MAJOR	PPS ELECT - PPS Elective in Political Science ²	3	3
		15	15
THIRD YEAR			
MAJOR	PS 336 - Organizational Theory and Behavior	3	
MAJOR	PPS ELECT - PPS Electives in Political Science ²	3	3
GE NSCI	NSCI ELECT - Natural Science Electives	3	3
COGNATE	PS 337 - Politics, Religion & Public Service or T/RS 213 - (P) American Catholic Thought or T/RS 231 - (P) God & the Good Society or T/RS 232 - (P) Catholic Social Thought or T/RS 234 - (P.D) Peacemakers or T/RS 236 - (P) God & Money or T/RS 244 - (P.D) The Catholic Church & American Culture or T/RS 342 - (P) Science & the Common Good	3	3
COGNATE	COGNATE ELECT - Cognate Electives ³	3	3
GE PHIL or T/RS	PHIL ELECT - Philosophy Elective ⁴ or T/RS ELECT - Theology Elective ⁴	3	3
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Elective	3	3
		15	15

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FOURTH YEAR			
MAJOR	PPS ELECT - PPS Elective in Political Science ²	3	
MAJOR	PS 480 - Political Science Internship I/PS 481 - Political Science Internship II or PS 482 or PS 483 Independent Study OR an approved Community-Based Learning course	3	
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives	9	15
		15	15
		Total: 120 Credits	

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¹The Department recommends that students enroll in PS 110 in order to satisfy First Year Oral Communication and First Year Digital Technology requirements.

²Select PPS electives from the following: PS 110, PS 135, PS 216, PS 231, PS 241, PS 318, PS 319, PS 325, and PS 339.

³With approval from the PPS Director, students select two non-Political Science courses tailored to their particular interest. Select two from the following approved courses (we recommend but do not require that the two courses come from the same area): CJ 110, CJ 310, S/CJ 210, S/CJ 218, S/CJ 219, S/CJ 220, S/CJ 221, SOC 110, SOC 212, SOC 222, SOC 224, SOC 315/WOMN 215, SOC 317, SOC 331, HADM 110, HADM 111, HADM 112, HADM 211, HADM 212, HADM 216, HADM 312, ECO 101, ECO 153, ECO 154, ACC 251, ACC 252, ACC 253, ACC 254, BIOL 141, BIOL 142, CHEM 112, CHEM 113, CHS 112, CHS 335, and HPRO 210.

⁴A student who takes one of the T/RS courses listed in the Third Year Fall Semester (above) will replace this GE Phil or T/RS with a free elective.

*The selection of a First Year Seminar is likely to fulfill requirements both for the First Year Seminar and a General Education Requirement. Thus, the First Year Seminar will not add to the total credits for the semester. Talk with an advisor in the Advising Center if you have any questions.

Curriculum grid effective for the 2022-23 academic year in accordance with the undergraduate course catalog.