Public Policy Studies Certificate Program

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The academic Certificate Program in Public Policy Studies is an interdisciplinary certificate program. It provides degree-seeking Florida International University students with a critical understanding of how public policy is created, how it is implemented, and how it transforms daily life.

Besides providing the students with a wide range of interdisciplinary perspectives on public policy, the certificate program also provides students with practical experience by assisting them obtain internships with public, private non-profit and political organizations in South Florida, Tallahassee, and Washington, D.C. For those students looking for careers in public policy, this experience could well be crucial.

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Requirements

The certificate program requires completion of 18 semester hours of college credit. POS 2041 American Government is recommended as a prerequisite course. All students must then complete a common core of coursework by selecting one course from each of the following three core course categories for a total of nine hours. Then, the student must fulfill the requirements of one of the four internship tracks: Federal Policy, (9 hours), State Policy (9 hours), or Local Policy or Non-Profit Policy (9 hours).

Core Courses: (9)
1) Select one of the following three hour courses:
ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics 3
ECO 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics 3
2) Select one of the following three hour courses:
POS 3424 The Legislative Process 3
PAD 3033 Administrators and the Legislative Process 3
PAD 4223 Public Sector Budgeting 3
3) Select one of the following three (3) semester hour Certificate Courses listed below. Students are encouraged to take a public policy issues course in their major, if it is offered, to satisfy this requirement.

Certificate Courses

The following courses fulfill certificate requirements for core courses and those exercising the Local Policy or Non-Profit track. This is a partial list. The student should consult with the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies (IPPCS) about current course offerings. Other courses may be substituted upon approval of the IPPCS. Transfer students may only transfer up to two courses from institutions previously attended. The program is intended to expand student options, and complement other certificate programs.

**Biology**
BSC 5825 Wildlife Biology
OCB 5635 Coral Reef Ecology, with lab
PCB 3063 Genetics
PCB 3241 Biology of Aging
PCB 4452 Introduction to Wetland Ecology and Management
PCB 4467C Marine Protected Areas – GL
PCB 4553 General Population Genetics – GL
PCB 5358 Everglades Research and Resource Management
PCB 5686 Population Biology

**Business Administration**
MAN 4711 Business-Community Leadership
TRA 4411 Airport Management

**Civil and Environmental Engineering**
ENV 5007 Environmental Planning
ENV 5062 Environmental Health
ENV 5659 Regional Planning Engineering
ENV 5666 Water Quality Management

**Construction Management**
BCN 3753 Financial Management of Construction Organizations
BCN 5755 Construction Accounting and Finance

**Criminal Justice**
CJL 3512 The Courts
CJC 2000 Corrections
CJJ 2001 Juvenile Justice

**Economics**
ECO 3041 Consumer Economics
ECO 3101 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECO 3203 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECO 3223 Money and Banking
ECO 4504 Introduction to Public Finance
ECO 4622 Economic Development of the United States
ECO 4701 World Economy
ECO 4703 International Trade Theory and Policy
ECO 4713 International Macroeconomics – GL
ECP 3302 Introduction to Environmental Economics
ECP 3203  Introduction to Labor Economics
ECP 4314  Natural Resource Economics
ECP 4403  Principles of Industrial Organization
ECS 3003  Comparative Economic Systems
ECS 3013  Introduction to Economic Development

Education
EDF 6852  Educational Developmental Issues in Context: A Multidisciplinary Perspective
EED 4301  Trends in Early Childhood Education
EEX 5771  Personal Foundations and Transitional Services for Individuals with Disabilities
HME 5255  Independent Living for the Handicapped
LEI 3437  Program Development in Parks and Recreation
LEI 5510  Program Administration in Parks and Recreation

Earth and Environment
EVR 3011  Environmental Resources and Pollution
EVR 3013  Ecology of South Florida
EVR 4112  Climate Change Policy
EVR 4211  Water Resources
EVR 4231  Air Resources
EVR 4310  Energy Resources
EVR 4351  U.S. Energy Policy
EVR 4352  U.S. Environmental Policy

Health Services Administration
HSA 3111  Introduction to Health Services Systems
HSA 4110  Healthcare Organizational Behavior and Resource Management
HSA 4113  Global Issues and Trends in Healthcare – GL
HSA 4140  Program Planning and Evaluation
HSA 4150  Global Healthcare Systems and Policy – GL
HSA 4421  Legal Aspects of Healthcare

Interdisciplinary Social Studies
ISS 4385  Effective Government Communication
ISS 4364  Intro to Structured Analytic Techniques

History
AMH 4130  The American Revolution
AMH 4140  The Age of Jefferson
AMH 4160  The Age of Jackson
AMH 4251  The Great Depression
AMH 3560  History of Women in the United States

Communication and Journalism
ADV 4300  Media Planning
JOU 4101  In-Depth Reporting
MMC 4609  Integrated Communication Research Strategy
PUR 4100  Writing for Public Relations
PUR 4101  Digital Editing and Design
PUR 4106  Advanced Public Relations Writing for Multimedia Platforms
PUR 6607  Global Strategic Communication Management
PUR 6806  Global Account Planning

Labor Studies
LBS 4401  Labor Negotiations
LBS 4461  Labor Dispute Resolution
LBS 4501  Labor Law
LBS 4654  Comparative and International Labor Studies – GL

Music
MUM 4301  Business of Music
MUM 4302  Business of Music II

Politics and International Relations
INR 3043  Population and Society
POS 4071  Corporate Power and American Politics
POS 3152  Urban Politics
POS 3413  The Presidency
POS 3424  The Legislative Process
POS 3443  Political Parties
POS 3603  Constitutional Law: Powers
POS 3604  Constitutional Law: Limitations
POS 4154  Topics in Urban Politics and Policy
POS 4182  Florida Politics
POS 4188  Miami Politics
POS 4463  Interest Group Politics
POS 4605  Gender Justice
POS 4930  Topics in Public Law
PUP 4004  Public Policy: U.S.
PUP 4035  Environmental Politics
PUP 4072  Women in Politics
PUP 5934  Topics in Public Policy

Psychology
CLP 5185  Current Issues in Mental Health
CYP 3003  Introduction to Community Psychology

Public Policy and Administration
PAD 3003  Introduction to Public Policy and Service
PAD 3034  Policy Development and Implementation – GL
PAD 3804  Government and Administration of Metropolitan Areas
PAD 4103  Politics of Administrative Organizations
PAD 4223  Public Sector Budgeting
PAD 4432  Administrative Leadership and Behavior

Social Work
SOW 3232  Social Welfare Policy and Services I
SOW 3233  Social Welfare Policy and Services II – GL
SOW 3203  Introduction to Social Work
SOW 4654  Child Welfare: Policy and Practice
SOW 5109  Crisis in the Lives of Women
SOW 5235  Social Welfare Policy and Services
SOW 5641  Understanding the Process of Aging
SOW 5710  Current Issues in Addiction Practices

Global and Sociocultural Studies
ANT 3442  Urban Anthropology
SYD 4410  Urban Sociology
SYD 4700  Racial and Ethnic Relations
SYD 3804  Sociology of Gender
SYP 3520  Crime & Society
SYP 3530  Youth, Crime, and Society
SYP 4730  Aging in Society
GEO 3602  Urban Geography
GEO 5415  Topics in Social Geography

Hospitality and Tourism Management
Public Policy Tracks

Federal Policy (9 hours)

This internship involves the student taking an internship with a governmental, nongovernmental, or political organization in the nation's capital. The specifics of the internship are agreed upon by the student and the IPPCS advisor and the student receives up to six semester hours of credit. Students are responsible for their own room and board, although the Institute assists as much as possible in arranging housing and financial aid. The student also takes one (if the internship is worth a full 6 credit hours) or two of the following courses:

- PUP 4004 Public Policy: U.S. 3
- PAD 3034 Policy Development and Implementation – GL 3
- Internship in Washington, D.C. up to 6

Students should register for the internship, field study or independent study course in their department (e.g., PAD 4940, POS 4944, POS 4941, POS 4945, ISS XXXX).

State Policy (9 hours)

Students obtain nonpaying internships in State of Florida government agencies in Tallahassee or in South Florida. Advisors from the IPPCS work with students to determine which agency is most suitable, depending upon the student’s interests. Although the students are responsible for their own room and board, the Institute helps to arrange housing in Tallahassee and assists in the application for financial aid. The State Policy Internship option is worth a total of 9 semester hours.

- PUP 4004 Public Policy: U.S. 3
- PAD 3034 Policy Development and Implementation – GL 3
- POS 4122 State Government and Politics 3
- POS 4182 Florida Politics 3
- State Policy Internship up to 6

Students should register for the internship, field study or independent study course in their department (e.g., PAD 4940, POS 4944, POS 4941, ISS 3940).

Local Policy (9 hours)

This option may be the most viable for those who want to earn the certificate, but who are unable to leave South Florida for an internship. This option is designed to be as flexible as possible. The nature of this option is worked out between the student and the IPPCS advisor. The student receives three credit hours for whichever courses are completed, including a local internship. Courses must be taken in at least two different disciplines, at least one being outside the student’s departmental major. Core courses may not count toward the fulfillment of these requirements.

- PUP 4004 Public Policy: U.S. 3
- PAD 3034 Policy Development and Implementation – GL 3
- SYD 4410 Urban Sociology 3

Non-Profit Policy (9 hours)

Students obtain internship placement in a local private non-profit organization. IPPCS advisors will work with the student to select a work assignment related to policy issues. The student may earn up to 6 academic credit hours for the internship, depending on the number of internship hours worked. The student should register for the internship, field study or independent study course in their department (e.g., PAD 4940, POS 4944, POS 4941, ISS 3940).

The student will also take one or two courses related to urban issues, non-profit organizations, special interest groups, social policies or similar issues, as determined appropriate by IPPCS advisors.