

POLICY STUDIES (B.A.)

The Policy Studies Major enables students to understand the effects of policy decisions made on the federal, state, and municipal levels, and by non-governmental actors, corporations, and nonprofit organizations. The Policy Studies Major grounds students in a liberal arts education, while providing the essential skills, knowledge, and networks to embark on a rewarding career that enables them to work within the policy-making arena to improve the lives of others. Students will acquire practical skills by studying policy issues; and develop skills in policy analysis, problem solving, data analysis, communications, policy creation, and assessment.

A core component of the program is student's participation in a capstone internship project for 6 credits, which can be taken with community partners locally, or in Washington, DC through the Washington Center Program. Through this capstone experience, students will undertake projects that will enable them to demonstrate their skills to future employers.

What Career Opportunities are Available to Policy Studies Majors?

Students who major in Policy Studies can expect an abundance of opportunities in governmental (municipal, county, state, federal, and international); with NGOs; in non-profits and in the corporate and regulatory arenas. Some employment opportunities include:

Government Sector Jobs:

- Legislative aide (federal, state, large city)
- Program analyst/administrator/manager
- Budget analyst/manager
- City manager
- Policy director (generalist) for elected official
- Policy specialist for elected official
- City planner

Nonprofit Sector Jobs:

- Advancement or development manager
- Policy research assistant
- Program manager
- Government relations manager
- Community outreach manager
- Policy Activist

Private Sector Jobs:

- Government relations manager
- Program analyst
- Program manager
- Public relations and marketing manager

- Policy Consultant
- Community relations manager

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	1
	SEEDS General Education Requirements	31-33
	Major Requirements	43
	Free Electives	45-43
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ECON 101	Applied Macroeconomics	3
ECON 102	Applied Microeconomics	3
INFO 173	Spreadsheet Modeling for Business Decisions	3
POLS 101	American Government and Politics	3
POLS 208	Introduction to Public Policy	3
POLS 324	Applied Policy Analysis	3
POLS 420	Seminar and Internship in Political Science	6
	or POLS 436 Political Science Washington, D.C., Internship	
SOCI 240	Statistics for Social Research	4
Major Electives		
Complete 15 credits of elective coursework from the list below.		15
Total Credits		43

Major Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CHAD 212	Children and Justice	3
CHAD 302	Public Child Welfare	3
EAES 101	Planet Earth	4
EAES 107	Earth and the Environment	4
EAES 160	The Human Environment	3
EAES 161	Human Geography	3
EAES 170	World Geography	3
EAES 202	Introduction to Sustainability Science	3
EAES 210	Introduction to GIS and Remote Sensing	3
EAES 260	Energy, Environment and Society	3
EAES 271	Geography of East and Southeast Asia	3
EAES 272	Land and Life in Latin America	3
EAES 280	Principles of Land Use	3
EAES 281	Introduction to American Urban Studies	3
EAES 283	Urban Geography	3
EAES 300	Energy Transitions: A Global Dependence	3
EAES 380	Transportation	3
ECON 201	Data Analysis Tools in Economics and Business	3
ECON 202	Economics and Finance for Non-Business Majors	3
ECON 215	The Economics of Social Problems	3
HLTH 102	Introduction to Public Health	3
HLTH 204	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3

HLTH 240	Foundations of Environmental Health	3
HLTH 360	Health Policy and Administration	3
POLS 203	International Organizations	3
POLS 205	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS 207	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 216	Urban Politics	3
POLS 304	State and Local Government	3
POLS 311	Governmental Budgeting	3
POLS 313	Politics and Technology	3
POLS 315	Urban Administration	3
POLS 327	Food and Politics	3
POLS 331	Animal Rights: Law, Politics and Culture	3
POLS 332	U.S. Immigration: Law and Politics	3
POLS 353	Intelligence and National Security	3
POLS 365	Global Environmental Politics	3
POLS 425	Politics of Federal Bureaucracy	3
POLS 431	Globalization and Security	3
SOCI 219	Sociology of Aging	3
SOCI 309	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
SOCI 311	Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 314	Environmental Justice	3
SOCI 316	Sociology of Education	3
SOCI 318	Sociology of Population	3
SOCI 330	Political Sociology	3
SOCI 336	Sociology and Social Work	3
SOCI 340	Social Change in a Global World	3
SOWK 220	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a listing of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
	Complete one Effective Writing I course.	3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
	Complete one Effective Writing II course.	3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
	Complete one Interactive Communication course.	3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
	Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.	3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
	Complete one Political and Civic Life course.	3
<i>World Languages</i>		
	Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.	3-6
Exploration		
	Complete one course from four different Exploration categories.	12
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Total Credits		30-33

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and **MUST** be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar		1 INFO 173	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3	SEEDS: Exploration 1 - Historical Thinking recommended	3
SEEDS: World Language 1	3	SEEDS: World Language 2 or Free Elective	3
ECON 101	3	ECON 102	3
POLS 101 (Fulfills SEEDS: Political and Civic Life)	3		
		16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POLS 208		3 SEEDS: Exploration 4	3

SEEDS: Exploration 2 - Analyzing Cultures and Societies recommended	3 Major Elective: 200 level	3
SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Ethical Inquiry recommended	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
15		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOCI 240 (Fulfills SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning)		4 POLS 324	3
Major Elective: 200 level		3 Major Elective: 300 level	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
16		15	

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POLS 420		6 Major Elective: 300-400 level	3
Major Elective: 300-400 level		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
		Free Elective	1
15		13	

Total Credits 120