

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, DOCTORAL MINOR

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Any student enrolled in a UW–Madison doctoral program can pursue a doctoral minor in Public Affairs. The doctoral minor offers training in the field of public affairs and can be tailored to a student’s specific interests. A doctoral minor in Public Affairs provides breadth and skills in public policy analysis, program evaluation, and public management.

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To be approved for the minor in Public Affairs, the candidate must complete the Minor Agreement Form and submit it to the Student Services Coordinator at the La Follette School prior to completion of six credits of minor coursework at UW–Madison. The student must have had at least one college level course in either calculus or statistics and at least one introductory college level course in microeconomics or macroeconomics and received B’s or above in these courses. At UW–Madison, STAT 301, ECON 101 and ECON 102 meet these prerequisite requirements.

The student must have a program of study approved by the Associate Director of the La Follette School of Public Affairs and the student’s major PhD advisor, early in the student’s graduate work.

The student must achieve a 3.0 GPA in courses used to satisfy the minor requirements.

The student may request that one relevant policy course from another UW–Madison graduate department be counted toward the minor with prior approval.

The student is advised to check in with the La Follette Student Services Coordinator; call 608-262-3582 with questions.

Approval of one transfer course is possible. A transcript, syllabus, and course description is required for evaluation.

REQUIREMENTS

The La Follette School of Public Affairs doctoral minor requires 12 credits or four 3-credit courses.

Two courses, or six credits must be chosen from the following upper level La Follette School policy analysis or management courses, and at least one of the two courses must be a policy analysis course. PUB AFFR 818 should be taken before PUB AFFR 819 and PUB AFFR/POLI SCI 871 unless the student has already taken a graduate level statistical analysis course.

Code	Title	Credits
PUB AFFR 818	Introduction to Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR 819	Advanced Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 871	Public Program Evaluation	3
PUB AFFR 873	Introduction to Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI/ URB R PL 874	Policy-Making Process	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 875	Public Personnel Administration	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI/ URB R PL 878	Public Management	3
PUB AFFR 880	Microeconomic Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR/ A A E/ENVIR ST/ POP HLTH 881	Benefit-Cost Analysis	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 885	Advanced Public Management: Craft, Constraints and Accountability	3

The other two courses, or six credits may come either from other courses listed in (2) or from the following elective courses offered by the La Follette school of Public Affairs:

Code	Title	Credits
PUB AFFR/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 809	Introduction to Energy Analysis and Policy	3
PUB AFFR 864	Health Policy and Policy Design	3
PUB AFFR/ ENVIR ST/ POLI SCI 866	Global Environmental Governance	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 875	Public Personnel Administration	3
PUB AFFR/ SOC WORK 887	Nonprofit Leadership	3
PUB AFFR 888	Comparative and National Social Policy	3
PUB AFFR 974	Topics in Public Affairs	3

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