Admissions to the Public Affairs Doctoral Minor have been suspended as of fall 2022 and will be discontinued as of fall 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

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.