UW–Madison’s undergraduate certificate in public policy complements existing majors across campus and extends the La Follette School of Public Affairs’ mission to training and mentoring the next generation of leaders in their careers and communities.

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The undergraduate certificate in public policy is ideal for students seeking careers related to key domestic and international issues such as criminal justice, education, energy, environmental studies, finance, transportation, and poverty. It also prepares students to be engaged citizens, ready to use their talents to improve the world around them.