

PUBLIC POLICY, BA

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Please follow the process described on the Public Policy website (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising-faq/>). We occasionally host group and individual info sessions (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising-faq/#sessions>) for students considering the major.

ADVISING

Students interested in this major have dedicated guidance from our full-time undergraduate advisors. Flexible advising sessions are conveniently available through the Starfish system, accommodating various time zones and student schedules to ensure every student receives the personalized support they need: Undergraduate Advising and FAQs (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising-faq/>).

Meeting with your academic advisor is a cornerstone of your success at UW–Madison. Advising is a place to get personalized guidance to make sense of your academic path, avoid hidden pitfalls and chart a plan that actually fits who you are and where you want to go. Advisors help students create a plan to complete more than one major or certificate. They also share information about course content, campus well-being resources, and more.

CAREERS

The La Follette School offers expert support and resources to help students transform their knowledge and skills into success in navigating the internship requirement and the competitive employment market. Students who major in Public Policy enter a wide variety of careers in government agencies, NGOs, consulting, advocacy/government affairs, and business—and many continue to graduate programs in Public Affairs (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/lafollette-school-public-affairs/public-affairs-mpa/>), International Public Affairs (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/lafollette-school-public-affairs/international-public-affairs-mipa/>), or law school (<https://guide.wisc.edu/law/>). Students can find support for internship options, employment preparation, and valuable networking resources on our career page (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/career-development/>). Students can also view this online guide (<https://publicadministrationpolicy.org/career/#why-choose-a-career-in-public-administration-or-publ...>) to explore Careers in Public Administration and Policy. Current students are welcome and encouraged to contact our Career Development and Internship Office: careerdev@lafollette.wisc.edu.

INTERNSHIPS

The La Follette School offers a Handshake Collection of pre-approved internships (<https://wisc.joinhandshake.com/edu/collections/26282/>) for current students who have declared the Public Policy major.

STUDY ABROAD

Learning in Letters & Science emphasizes discovery, growth, understanding different perspectives, and challenging yourself, which makes studying abroad an excellent fit for many L&S students: studyabroad.wisc.edu (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>)

As a university with global influence, we have more than 300 study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>) in over 80 countries. These vary in length, academic focus, teaching format, language requirements, cost, and level of independence. There are many programs to complement every major (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/#L&S>) and any year of college (including the final semester)—and all meet UW–Madison’s high academic standards. Students admitted into Letters & Science can even choose a short program in the summer before they start college or their whole first year: studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch (<http://studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch/>). Talk with your academic advisor about how studying abroad might fit with your academic plan.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students