

<b>Public Policy Major – Bachelor of Arts</b>							
<b>General Education Requirements</b>				<b>PLCY Major Requirements</b>			
				<i>C- or better is required in all major courses and the cumulative average of these courses must be a 2.0.</i>			
<b>Fundamental Studies</b>				<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	
<i>Requirements: 15 Credits</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<b>Benchmark Requirement One</b>		
		<i>Must be completed by the end of <b>two semesters</b> into the major</i>					
AW: Academic Writing		3			PLCY100—Foundations of Public Policy (HS)	3	
PW: Professional Writing— Taken after 60 credits		3			HIST201 Interpreting American History: From 1865 to the Present (HU)	3	
OC: Oral Communication		3			<b>Benchmark Requirement Two</b>		
		<i>Must be completed by the end of <b>four semesters</b> into the major</i>					
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	MATH113	3			PLCY 101 Great Thinkers on Public Policy (HS/IS)	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	STAT100	3			STAT 100 (AR) Elementary Statistics and Probability or higher (STAT100 equivalent accepted)	3	
<b>Distributive Studies</b>				<b>Required Major Courses</b>			
<i>Requirements: 25 Credits</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	ECON 200 Principles of Microeconomics (HS)	3	
NL: Natural Sciences Lab*		4			PLCY 202 Public Leaders and Active Citizens (SP/IS pending) OR PLCY201 Leadership for the Common Good (SP/IS)	3	
NS: Natural Sciences*		3/4			PLCY 203 Liberty and Justice for All: Ethics and Moral Issues in Public Policy	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	PLCY100	3			PLCY 300 Governance: Collective Action in the Public Interest (Pre-req: PLCY100 and PLCY101)	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200	3			PLCY302 Examining Pluralism in Public Policy (Pre-req: PLCY203) (UP pending)	3	
HU: Humanities	HIST201	3			PLCY 303 Public Economics: Raising and Spending the People’s Money (Pre-req: ECON200)	3	
HU: Humanities		3			PLCY 304 Evaluating Evidence: Finding Truth in Numbers (Pre-req: STATS100)	4	
SP: Scholarship in Practice	PLCY201/202 (pending)	3			PLCY 305 Policy Internship OR Approved Internship from another department OR Approved Study Abroad	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be outside major requirement)*		3			PLCY306: Public Policy Analysis in Action (Taken after 60 credits)	3	
<b>I-Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)</b>				PLCY 400 Senior Capstone (Taken after 90 credits; Pre-req: PLCY306)		3	
<i>Requirements: 6 Credits</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy (Taken after 90 credits)	3	
IS: I-Series		PLCY201/202 (pending)	3		Introduction to Public Policy Focus or General Policy elective	3	
IS: I-Series		PLCY101	3		<b>Focus or General Policy electives (9 credits)</b>		
		<i>Students may choose an area of focus or choose general policy related electives</i>					
<b>Diversity (All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses.)</b>				Focus/Policy Elective Course 1			
						Focus/Policy Elective Course 2	
<i>Requirements: 4 - 6 Credits</i>		<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Focus/Policy Elective Course 3		
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		PLCY302 (pending)	3		<b>TOTAL Major Credits</b>		
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		HIST201	3		<b>58</b>		
		General electives/minor/double major credits				22	
<b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>		40			<b>TOTAL UMD Credits needed for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>	

\*All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

**Requirements for Graduation:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework                |

## Public Policy Major Four Year Plan

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Year 1: Fall</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Year 1: Spring</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Benchmark 1 PLCY 100 HIST201 Must be completed by the end of two semesters into the major.	MATH 113 or higher (MA)	3	ENGL101 (AW)	3
	PLCY100 Foundations of Public Policy (HS)	3	Natural Science course (NS)	3
	Humanities (HU)	3	STAT100 Elementary Statistics and Probability (AR)	3
	HIST201 Interpreting American History: From 1865 to the Present (HU and UP)	3	PLCY101 Great Thinkers on Public Policy (HS/IS)	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>
Benchmark 2 PLCY 101 STAT100 Must be completed by the end of four semesters into the major.	<b>Year 2: Fall</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Year 2: Spring</b>	<b>Credit</b>
	ECON200 Principles of Microeconomics (HS)	3	Natural Science Lab (NL)	4
	Introduction to Public Policy Focus or General Policy elective	3	PLCY 203 Liberty and Justice for All: Ethics and Moral Issues in Public Policy	3
	PLCY 202 Public Leaders and Active Citizens (SP/IS pending)	3	PLCY 303 Public Economics: Raising and Spending the People's Money	3
	Oral Communication (OC)	3	Scholarship in Practice (SP) Outside major requirements	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>
	<b>Year 3: Fall</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Year 3: Spring</b>	<b>Credit</b>
	PLCY 300 Governance: Collective Action in the Public Interest	3	PLCY306 Public Policy Analysis in Action	3
	PLCY302 Examining Pluralism in Public Policy (UP pending)	3	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3
	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3	PLCY 304 Evaluating Evidence: Finding Truth in Numbers	4
	Professional Writing (PW)	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>
	<b>Year 4: Fall</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Year 4: Spring</b>	<b>Credit</b>
	PLCY305 Internship course	3	PLCY400 Senior Capstone	3
	PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy	3	PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy	3
	Focus/General Policy Elective Course	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	3
	General UMD Elective	3	General UMD Elective	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>

**TOTAL Credits = 120**