

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

*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

Requirements	Year 1: Fall	Credit	Year 1: Spring	Credit
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 pending)	3	Natural Science course (NS)	4
	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 Elective	3	General 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.	Year 2: Fall	Credit	Year 2: Spring	Credit
	ECON200 Principles of Microeconomics (HS)	3	Natural Science Lab (NL)	4
	PLCY Introduction to Public Policy Focus	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 Elective	3	General Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>
	Year 3: Fall	Credit	Year 3: Spring	Credit
	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/PLCY Elective Course 2	3
	Focus/PLCY Elective Course 1	3	PLCY 304 Evaluating Evidence: Finding Truth in Numbers	4
	Professional Writing (PW)	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>
	Year 4: Fall	Credit	Year 4: Spring	Credit
	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/PLCY Elective Course 3	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>12</i>

TOTAL Credits = 120