Public Policy
If you are interested in analyzing problems, seeking solutions and advocating for change, you should consider a career in public policy. Working in public policy allows you to play a role in the decision-making that affects certain issues you are passionate about; decisions that can affect your community, both locally and globally, and the people within that community.

You may work with policy making in the following areas:
- Education
- Environment
- Immigration
- Public Finance
- Water
- Agriculture
- Government
- Health
- Housing
- Social Policy
- Employment & Income
- Economic Development

Recommended Courses for Domestic Policy (P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance
- Econ 441 Analytical Public Finance (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 450 Wages and the Labor Market (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 521 Game Theory and Economic Analysis (P: Econ 301, Math 222)
- Econ 522 Law and Economics (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 623 Population Economics (P: Econ 301, 310)

Applied Fields in the major
- Econ 325 Public Utilities
- Econ 330 Money and Banking

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics
- Urb R Pl 641 Housing Economics and Policy
- Poli Sci 219 Introduction to Public Policy
- Poli Sci 405 State Government and Public Policy
- Poli Sci 473 Public Opinion
- Cons Sci 575 Family Economics and Public Policy
  * Also consider a major in Political Science
  * Also consider the accelerated program or Master’s Degree in the LaFollette School of Public Affairs

Recommended Courses for Education Policy (P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance
- Econ 410 Introductory Econometrics (P: Econ 310, Math 221)
- Econ 441 Analytical Public Finance (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 623 Population Economics (P: Econ 301, 310)
- Econ 522 Law and Economics (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 525 Economics of Education: Theory and Measurement (P: Econ 301 or 311; Econ 410)

Applied Fields in the major
- Econ 325 Public Utilities
- Econ 330 Money and Banking

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics
- Ed Pol 150 Education and Public Policy
- Ed Pol 412 History of American Education
- Ed Pol 665 History of the Federal Role in American Education
- Ed Pol 795 Economics of Education
Recommended Courses for International Trade Policy  
(P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance
- Econ 464 *International Trade and Finance* (P: Econ 301, 302)
- Econ 467 *International Industrial Organizations* (P: Econ 301, *Math 221*)
- Econ 475 *Economics of Growth* (P: Econ 301, 302; *B or higher in Math 221*)
- Econ 666 *Issues in International Finance* (P: Econ 301, 302, 310; *B or higher in Math 221*)
- Econ 450 *Wages and the Labor Market* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 521 *Game Theory and Economic Analysis* (P: Econ 301, *Math 222*)
- Econ 623 *Population Economics* (P: Econ 301, 310)

Applied Fields in the major
- Econ 421 *Economic Decision Analysis*
- Econ 462 *Latin American Economic Development*
- Econ 473 *Economic Growth and Development in Southeast Asia*
- Econ 474 *Economic Problems of Developing Areas*
- Econ 477 *Agricultural and Economic Development in Africa*
- Econ 663 *Population and Society*
- Econ 671 *Energy Economics*

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics
- Poli Sci 316 *Principles of International Law*
- Poli Sci 103 *Introduction to International Relations*
- Poli Sci 376 *Analysis of International Relations*
- Poli Sci 359 *Problems in American Foreign Policy*
- Poli Sci 312 *Politics of the World Economy*

Recommended Courses for Environmental/Energy Policy  
(P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance
- Econ 441 *Analytical Public Finance* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 522 *Law and Economics* (P: Econ 301)

Applied Fields in the major
- Econ 343 *Environmental Economics*
- Econ 531 *Natural Resource Economics*
- Econ 449 *Government and Natural Resources*
- Econ 663 *Population and Society*
- Econ 671 *Energy Economics*

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics
- Geog 460 *American Environmental History*
- Envir St 402 *Business, Development and the Environment*
  *Also consider a major or certificate in Environmental Studies*

Student Organizations
- Economic Student Association
- Academy Health Student Group
- Support, Advocacy, and Awareness of Neurodegenerative Diseases

Gain Technical Skills  
(FREE FOR STUDENTS!)
- DoIT Software Training for Students
- SSCC Training Classes
Job and Internship Search

- BuckyNet
- Policy Jobs

Sample Job Titles

- Program Analyst
- Administrative Analyst
- Government Relations Advisor
- Policy Coordinator
- Budget Analyst
- Consultant, Public Sector
- Trade Policy Analyst
- Research Associate
- Community Affairs Advisor

Additional Resources

- Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of School of Public Affairs and Administration
- Public Service Careers
- Almanac of Policy Issues
- Center for American Progress
- Citizens for Global Solutions
- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington
- NAACP
- Association of American Universities
- Women’s Foreign Policy Group
- Henry L. Stimson Center
- US-Asia Institute
- Vault Career Guides (access through Career Insider on BuckyNet homepage)