THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL
The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy was established in 1992 to prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow, conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research and scholarship, cultivate leadership and public engagement and community service, and to address the crucial policy issues of our time. The school fosters a highly-collaborative academic, scholarly and professional environment, where the disciplines of urban planning, public policy, public health, and health administration closely converge.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN PUBLIC POLICY
(Bachelor of Science Degree)

The major in public policy (833) prepares students for entry-level jobs in government, politics and public affairs within the public, non-profit, or private sectors, or for graduate education in law, politics, public administration, public affairs, and public policy.

The major introduces students to the use of analytical techniques to better understand public problems and evaluate alternative solutions to those problems. Examples of such problems include income inequality, the cost of health care, climate change, and the lack of an immigration policy.

To pursue the major, students must apply and be admitted to the Bloustein School. Completion of the public policy major leads to a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree.

PREREQUISITES (12-13 cr)
• 220:102 Intro to Microeconomics (3)
• 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
• 762:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or pre-approved equivalent (3)
• 790:104 American Government (3)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
(31 core, 12 electives, 43 cr total)

Effective June 1, 2015
Core (31 cr)
• 762:101 Introduction to Planning, Policy and Health (3)
• 833:210 Principles of Public Policy (3)
• 833:215 Writing, Reasoning and Public Policy (3)
• 833:220 Public Economic Policy (5)
• 833:300 Writing for Professionals (3)
• One of the following (5):
  833:360 Principles of Public Management
  833:361 Managing People and Organizations
  836:362 Non-Profit Management
• 833:395 Research Methods (4) — Open to majors only
• 833:400* Professional Practice Internship (6) — Open to majors only
• 833:450 Leadership Seminar (3) — Open to majors only

*Students qualifying for departmental honors may replace 10:833:400 with 10:833:495, 496 / Public Policy Honors Thesis I and II (3,3) or 833:497, 498 Bloustein Honors Research (3, 3)

Electives (12 cr in one of the following concentrations)**
In addition to completing the basic requirements, students select 12 credits of electives in one of two areas of concentration:

Poverty and Inequality
• 833:325 U.S. Education Policy (3)
• 833:320 Global Poverty (3)
• 833:231 Poverty in the United States (3)
• 833:310 U.S. Housing Policy (3)
• 833:324 Social Movements (3)
• 833:331 U.S. Social Policy (3)
• 833:335 Gender, Family and Public Policy (3)
• 833:419 Immigration Policy (3)
• 762:307 Community Development (3)

Health and Environment
• 833:302 Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy (3)
• 833:338 Health and Public Policy (3)
• 833:340 Aging and Public Policy (3)
• 833:416 Mental Health and Society (3)
• 832:212 Health Disparities (3)
• 832:235 Urban Health (3)
• 832:520 Protecting Public Health & the Environment (3)
• 832:350 Drugs, Culture and Society (3)
• 832:405 Cancer and Society (3)

** Students may also create their own public policy concentration, such as military policy, science policy, or technology policy, with written pre-approval from the undergraduate director.

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY
(21-22 cr)

The minor in public policy (083) prepares students for entry-level jobs in government, politics and public affairs within the public, non-profit, or private sectors, or for graduate education in law, politics, public administration, public affairs, and public policy.

Students must complete 12-13 credits of required courses, and three elective courses (9 cr total). Students should declare the public policy minor with the School of Arts and Sciences; they need not apply for minor status with the Bloustein School. Only courses with a grade of C or better can be counted toward the minor. Students may only take on ONE minor at the Bloustein School.

• 762:101 Introduction to Planning, Policy & Health (3)
• 762:205 Basic Statistical Methods or equivalent (3-4)
• 833:210 Principles of Public Policy (3)
• 833:220 Public Economic Policy (3)

At least three of the following courses:
• 833:225 U.S. Education Policy (3)
• 833:338 Health and Public Policy (3)
• 833:340 Aging and Public Policy (3)
• 833:416 Mental Health and Society (3)
• 832:212 Health Disparities (3)
• 832:235 Urban Health (3)
• 832:520 Protecting Public Health & the Environment (3)
• 832:350 Drugs, Culture and Society (3)
• 832:405 Cancer and Society (3)

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JOINT BA OR BS/MPP (ARTICULATED 3-1-1) PROGRAM

Exceptional, well-prepared students who wish to pursue graduate studies in public policy are encouraged to seek advising about the 3-1-1 Master of Public Policy (MPP) program at the Bloustein School.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENTS (833)

Students in the School of Arts and Sciences who wish to pursue the public policy major must apply for admission to the Bloustein School. Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade of "C" or better in each of the pre-requisite courses and be in good academic standing.

Only courses with "C" or better may be counted towards the public policy major, and students must complete the general education requirements for SAS. The degree is awarded jointly by the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and the School of Arts and Sciences.

TRANSFER STUDENTS (833D)

This option is for current Rutgers students seeking a school-to-school transfer, or for students transferring to Rutgers. Students seeking the public policy major must have at least 30 credits before applying to the Bloustein School. Successful applicants will have completed the prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better, and have achieved an overall GPA of at least 2.5.

This program is designed to accommodate the needs of transfer and nontraditional students. To learn more on how to apply, admission requirements and academic policies, please visit the major homepage: bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/publicpolicy

Only courses with "C" or better may be counted towards major requirements. Upon completing the major, all General Education requirements*, and a minimum of 120 credits in good academic standing, the student will receive the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the Bloustein School.

* General Education Requirements for Transfer Students (24 cr)
  • Expository Writing or equivalent (3) fulfilled by prerequisite
  • An intensive writing course (3) fulfilled within the major
  • College-level math (3)
  • Two, 3-credit Science courses (3, 3)
  • Two, 3-credit Arts & Humanities courses (3, 3)
  • One, 3-credit course in History (3)

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