



Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR in PUBLIC POLICY

THE EDWARD J. BLOUSEN SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Bloustein School 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.

The Bloustein School educates a select pool of students, preparing them for both public and private sector careers, teaching and research professions and service at all levels of government. Students are trained and ultimately employed in the areas of land use, political processes, public health, health administration, employment and social policy, human services, transportation policy and planning, housing and real estate, urban redevelopment, and regional development and planning.

The Bloustein School provides students a unique opportunity to pursue their passion for public service and research and offers bachelor degrees in five major fields. The school also offers seven minor programs. With an undergraduate population of approximately 800 students, the Bloustein School is small enough to offer students individual academic support and the focus of a professional school, but large enough for students to enjoy all the benefits, resources, and opportunities of a leading public research university.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN PUBLIC POLICY (Bachelor of Science Degree)

The major in Public Policy (833, 833D) 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.

Students must complete the 12-13 credits of prerequisite courses before beginning the major requirements. The requirements for the Public Policy major include 28 credits of core courses and 15 credits of elective courses.

Current major core and elective requirement courses may be found at bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/publicpolicy/.

PREREQUISITES (12-13 cr)

- 220:102 Intro to Microeconomics (3) or 11:373:121 Principles and Applications of Microeconomics (3)
- 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
- 775:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or pre-approved equivalent (3)
- 790:104 American Government (3)

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY (21-22 cr)

This minor is well-matched to majors in criminal justice; economics; labor studies & employment relations; pre-law track; political science; sociology; women's & gender studies; and more.

Students seeking the Public Policy minor must complete four core courses and three elective courses in 833, two of which must be at the 300-level or higher. Only courses with a grade of "C" or better can be counted toward the minor.

JOINT BA OR BS/MPP 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.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Bloustein School offers a variety of Planning and Public Policy certificates. The certificates are open to students in any major and to post baccalaureate students with degrees in any discipline. Awarded certificates appear on the student's final transcript.

Undergraduate students are restricted to courses at the 300 and 400 levels. Post baccalaureate students may select courses from any level. ***Students must declare their intention to pursue a certificate program with the Bloustein School prior to their last semester of study in order to qualify to receive a certificate.*** Certificates are awarded only with, or subsequent to receiving a bachelor's degree. Awarded certificates appear on the student's transcript.

- Community Development (24 cr)
- Real Estate (24 cr)
- Urban Planning (24 cr)
- Community Sustainability (18 cr)

Please see bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/planning-and-public-policy-certificate-programs/ for curriculum requirements for each certificate.

* General Education Requirements (27 cr)

for students transferring to the Bloustein School (school-to-school and external transfers)

- Expository Writing or equivalent (3) *FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE*
- An intensive writing course (3) *FULFILLED WITHIN THE MAJOR*
- Quantitative Reasoning (3)
- Science and Technology courses (3, 3) *FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE*
- Arts & Humanities course (3)
- Social Science course (3)
- History course (3)
- Diversity (Global and Cultural Awareness) course (3)

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (SAS) and SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (SEBS) STUDENTS (833)

Students in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) and students in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) who wish to remain in their primary unit must apply for admission prior to declaring the major.

SAS students may pursue Public Policy as their first major and remain within SAS. SEBS students may pursue Public Policy as a second major in order to remain within SEBS. SAS and SEBS students can apply for the Public Policy major by visiting bloustein.rutgers.edu/major-application.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade of "C" or better in each of the pre-requisite courses and be in good academic standing.

Students are advised to declare the Public Policy major no later than their first semester of junior year to ensure completion of the major by their anticipated graduation date.

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 Bloustein School and the School of Arts and Sciences.

TRANSFER STUDENTS (833D)

Current Rutgers students seeking a school-to-school transfer from another Rutgers unit, or students transferring to Rutgers from another college or university, must apply via the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For a school-to-school transfer visit www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool/auth.aspx. If you are transferring from outside of Rutgers, visit admissionservices.rutgers.edu/ugrad/.

Transfer students from New Jersey community colleges are encouraged to complete lower division prerequisite courses and the Associate's Degree in order to benefit from the Lampitt Law.

Transfer 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 program 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 (B.S.) degree from the Bloustein School.

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To request an appointment or ask a question about any of our undergraduate offerings, contact
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