

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy

The Graduate Certificate in Public Policy is open to Rutgers University graduate students and is a strong complement to graduate degrees in many disciplines. The certificate focuses on extending students' understanding of the forces that influence public debates, stimulate policy change, and build the public good. It is designed for students who are interested in applied, policy-related work. Students must complete required courses, covering the dynamics of policy formation, economics, and research design, and one elective in their specific interest area.

The Public Policy Program will award a Public Policy Certificate to students who successfully complete the following 12-credit curriculum in Public Policy:

833:510 Public Policy Formation

This course delves into the policy-making process and how new ideas are ultimately generated into workable public policies. The course covers the major and secondary institutions that are responsible for the creation of public policy.

833:530 Research Design

The goal of this course is to teach you to design and critique research so you can solve problems and make informed decisions, or evidence-based policy, as future public servants. The course covers data collection, quantitative and qualitative designs, and internal and external validity of designs.

833:543 Economics for Public Policy

This course applies microeconomic reasoning to public issues, policies, and programs.

833:xxx Public policy elective

Entrance into the Certificate Program

Students matriculated in other graduate degree programs at Rutgers University must be in good standing and complete the certificate form through the Bloustein Office of Student Services. For more information, please see Courtney Culler, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Services, in room 183 of the Civic Square Building, or you can contact her by phone 848-932-2727 or by email at courtney.culler@rutgers.edu.