Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy

Graduate Public Policy Certificate
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For those who want to:
• Expand their understanding of the public policy process
• Access policy-related career opportunities
• “Try out” the master of public policy program
Certificate Requirements

Four courses:

• Public Policy Formation
• Research Design
• Economics for Public Policy
• A public policy elective
Public Policy Formation

Delve into the policy-making process and how new ideas turn into public policies
Research Design

Learn to design and critique research to make informed decisions
Economics for Public Policy

Apply microeconomic reasoning to public issues, policies, and programs
Public Policy Elective

Choose from dozens of course offerings

• American Social Policy
• Education Policy & Social Justice
• Health Care Policy
• Policy Advocacy
• State & Local Public Finance
• Economics of Poverty
• Women, Inequality & Public Policy
• Community Economic Development
• Environmental Law & Policy
• Housing, Economics & Markets
• US Higher Education Policy
Elective options include methods

- Program Evaluation
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Applied Multivariate Methods
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- Basic Quantitative Methods
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Nonprofit & Community Development Finance
- GIS
- Big Data Analytics
- Survey Research
Elective options include other Rutgers graduate programs

- School of Management & Labor Relations
- Graduate School of Education
- School of Social Work
- School of Public Health
- School of Criminal Justice
- School of Public Affairs & Administration
- School of Graduate Studies
  - Political Science
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Anthropology
Course Waivers

May replace Research Design or Economics with elective or higher-level course

Waivers approved by Professor Rubin, based on prior coursework in Research Design or Economics
Admission Requirements

Current Rutgers graduate students in good standing

• 100-word statement outlining why you are interested in the public policy certificate
Admission Requirements

Those not currently enrolled at Rutgers

- Official transcript
  - from completed bachelor’s degree & any graduate work
- One letter of recommendation
- Resume
- Two brief personal essays
Admission Requirements

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1) 500 to 750 words
   • Why do you want to study public policy? What are your professional goals?

2) 250 to 500 words
   • Why are you particularly interested in the public policy program at the Bloustein School?
Admission Requirements

• No GRE required

• Non-U.S. applicants
  • TOEFL scores equal or greater than 83
  • Alternative testing for English accepted - check with Professor Rubin
Certificate Completion Requirement

- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the policy certificate courses
Day & Evening Course Options

- 9AM to 11:40AM
- 1PM to 3:40PM
- 6PM to 8:40PM
In-Person & Online Options

• Some evening courses offered synchronous remote via ZOOM
Application Timing

Begin Summer 2022  Apply by May 1
Begin Fall 2022     Apply by July 15
Begin Spring 2023   Apply by November 1
TO APPLY

https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/public-policy/ppcertificate/