

# B.A. in Public Policy Leadership

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## Description

The B.A. in public policy leadership prepares high-performing students for positions of leadership in an increasingly complex world. The interdisciplinary curriculum for the major incorporates economics, geography, history, philosophy, political science, and psychology. The program emphasizes the global nature of responsible decision making, the ethical imperatives of leadership, critical thinking and communication skills, and the quantitative skills necessary for careful policy analysis.

All students who wish to major in public policy leadership must apply for admission to the Lott Leadership Institute by January 15.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

### General Education Requirements

The completion of Pol 101, Econ 202, and Econ 203 will more than satisfy the 6 hours required of social science for the B.A. degree.

### Course Requirements

The B.A. degree with a major in public policy leadership consists of 33 hours, including PPL 101, 210, 212, 300, 310, and 18 additional hours of 300-level or 400-level PPL courses. Pol 101, Econ 202, and Econ 203 also are required. Students are required to take at least one class at the 300 level or above in each of the following three categories: Leadership/Organization (PPL 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 384, 491), Domestic Policies (PPL 328, 331, 342, 345, 361, 362, 375, 383, 385, 386, 389, 492), and International Policies (PPL 320, 329, 330, 340, 360, 376, 380, 381, 382, 388, 493). Students can use up to 6 credit hours of study abroad (PPL 496), up to 6 credit hours of thesis (PPL 402 and 403), and up to 3 credit hours of internship (PPL 497 and 499) toward the major, but the total credit hours used toward the major from all three combined (study abroad, thesis, and internship) cannot be over 9 credit hours.

