



Why Public Policy?

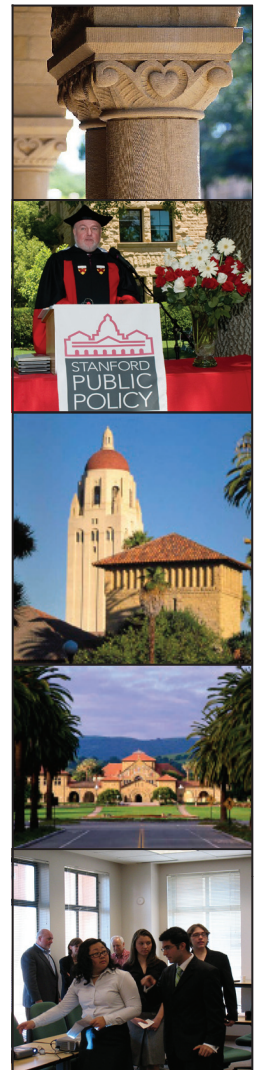
The growing complexity of public policies, the political processes that give rise to them, and the organizations that implement them have created a need in government, business and the nonprofit sector for people who understand how government operates. The Public Policy Program gives students the foundational skills and institutional knowledge for understanding the policy process and provides an interdisciplinary course of study in the design, management, and evaluation of public sector programs and institutions.

The major in Public Policy is useful as preparation for employment after graduation as an analyst in government agencies or business, as a foundation for postgraduate professional schools in business, education, law and public policy, and as preparation for graduate study in the social sciences, specifically economics, political science and sociology.

Requirements for the Major

The Public Policy degree requires at least 87 units of coursework:

- **44 units of preparatory** courses: PoliSci 2, Econ 1A&B, 50, 51, 102A&B, Math 51 and MS&E 180 or PSYCH 138. A maximum of 10 units may be taken for credit/no credit, with the exception of Econ 50, Econ 51, and MATH 51 which must be taken for a letter grade.
- **25 units of core** Public Policy courses: PublPol 101, 102, 103B, C or D, 104, and 106.
- **15 units of concentration** coursework, designed by the student in consultation with a faculty advisor. Popular concentrations include:
 - Advanced Methods of Policy Analysis; Design of Public Institutions; Education; Environment, Resources, and Population; Health Care; Foreign Relations; Justice and the Legal System; Science and Technology Policy; Economic Development
- **3-5 units** of Public Policy 200 (**Senior Seminar**) taken during any quarter of senior year. PUBLPOL 200B (Winter Quarter) and 200C (Spring Quarter) are organized as practica in which small student teams analyze real world policy problems faced by Bay Area agencies and produce a report for use by the client.



Further Information

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