

# Department of Public Policy, Management, and Analytics

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## Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy

Public Policy is a field that promotes the understanding of public problems and how governments and the public attempt to address them. Public Policy provides excellent preparation for careers in government at all levels (federal, state, local), as well as the nonprofit sector, law, and consulting. Given the impact public policy has on medicine, engineering, technology, and other key sectors of the global economy, a minor in Public Policy provides critical knowledge for students pursuing careers in these fields.

This program focuses on the systematic analysis of public policy issues and decision processes, and includes instruction in the role of economic and political factors in public decision-making and policy formulation, microeconomic analysis of policy issues, resource allocation and decision modeling, cost/benefit analysis, statistical methods, and through a three-course specialization sequence, includes applications to specific public policy topics. Students may enter as freshmen or as transfer students from other programs or universities. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00/4.00 in all coursework taken at UIC and a minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00 in all coursework counting toward core program requirements (see below).

## Admission Requirements

New first year students interested in admission to the BA in Public Policy program must apply using the Common Application and be admitted by the Department of Public Policy, Management, and Analytics and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. Admission is competitive, and preference is given to those applicants selected to have the best potential for academic success. See the [Admissions](#) section for more information.

Transfer students who have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of transferable college coursework by the time of application, and do not meet the definition of an incoming first year or readmission applicant may apply to transfer into the BA in Public Policy. While 24 semester or 36 quarter hours are the minimum number of hours required, most curricula require additional credit hours and the completion of some specific core first year courses. See the [Admissions](#) section for additional information. See the Office of Admission [Transfer Guide](#) for more information about transfer admission requirements.

## Grade Point Average

A student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00/4.00 in all work taken at UIC and a cumulative grade point average of 2.50/4.00 for required courses (core program requirements) for the Public Policy

degree. In addition, the combined grade point average of a student's transfer work and work taken at UIC must be at least 2.00.

## Minor in Civic Analytics

The Minor in Civic Analytics is open to all undergraduate students. A minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00 for the 15 hours of coursework is required to complete the minor, with at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above. Elective courses may have prerequisites that do not count toward the minor. Students must submit a request form online and consult their home colleges about the acceptability and applicability of College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs course credits toward their degrees. To meet the residency requirement, students must complete at least half (three courses) of their minor coursework at UIC.

No more than two courses can double-count toward both the Public Policy major (including selective courses) and PPMA minor(s). Any course counting for one PPMA minor is prohibited to count for another PPMA minor unless the course is a required course for both minors.

The minor is distinct from the CUPPA concentration in the BS in Data Science program; therefore, courses used to complete the requirements in that program cannot also be applied toward the Minor in Civic Analytics.

## Minor in Nonprofit Management

The Minor in Nonprofit Management is open to all undergraduate students. A minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00 for the 15 hours of coursework is required to complete the minor, with at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above. Elective courses may have prerequisites that do not count toward the minor. Students must submit a request form online and consult their home colleges about the acceptability and applicability of College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs course credits toward their degrees. To meet the residency requirement, students must complete at least half (three courses) of their minor coursework at UIC.

No more than two courses can double-count toward both the Public Policy major (including selective courses) and PPMA minor(s). Any course counting for one PPMA minor is prohibited to count for another PPMA minor unless the course is a required course for both minors.

## Minor in Public Policy

The minor in Public Policy is open to undergraduate students from any unit or college at UIC. A minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00 for the 15 hours of coursework is required to complete the minor, with at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above. Elective courses may have prerequisites that do not count toward the minor. Students must submit a request form online and consult their home colleges about the acceptability and applicability of College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs course credits toward their degrees. To meet the residency requirement, students must complete at least half (three courses) of their minor coursework at UIC.

No more than two courses can double-count toward both the Public Policy major (including selective courses) and PPMA minor(s). Any course counting for one PPMA minor is prohibited to count for another PPMA minor unless the course is a required course for both minors. Students who are majoring in Public Policy may not pursue a Public Policy minor.

## Minor in Research Design and Data Analysis

The minor in Research Design and Data Analysis is open to undergraduate students from any unit or college at UIC. A minimum GPA of 2.50/4.00 for the 15 hours of coursework is required to complete the minor, with at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above. Elective courses may have prerequisites that do not count toward the minor. Students must submit a request form online and consult their home colleges about the acceptability and applicability of College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs course credits toward their degrees. To meet the residency requirement, students must complete at least half (three courses) of their minor coursework at UIC.

No more than two courses can double-count toward both the Public Policy major (including selective courses) and PPMA minor(s). Any course counting for one PPMA minor is prohibited to count for another PPMA minor unless the course is a required course for both minors. Students who are majoring in Public Policy may not pursue a Public Policy minor.

## Degree Programs

- [BA in Public Policy](#)
- [Joint BA in Public Policy and Master of Public Administration](#)
- [Joint BA in Public Policy and Master of Public Policy](#)
- [Joint BA in Public Policy and Master of Urban Planning and Policy](#)
- [Joint BA in Public Policy and MS in Civic Analytics](#)

## Minors

- [Minor in Civic Analytics](#)
- [Minor in Nonprofit Management](#)
- [Minor in Public Policy](#)
- [Research Design and Data Analysis](#)