Public Policy

What It Is

The public policy track gives students the opportunity to choose from a broad selection of courses with a policy focus. Topics we discuss include health, immigration, education, tax policy, and the welfare state, and research can often be used to advise policymakers at various levels of government. Courses and research often overlap with other applied fields, making this track a natural complement to many other areas of study.

Central Topics

- Health economics
- Immigration
- Education
- Tax policy
- The welfare state

Complementary Minors

- Political Science
- Communications Studies
- Spanish (Language, Literature & Cultures)
- Business
- Legal Studies

Picture Your Future

With an interest in and understanding of public policy, you might see yourself:

- working in government
- pursuing a master’s in public policy or public administration
- going to law school
- working for a nonpartisan organization like the Bell Policy Center

Courses

In the public policy track, you will choose three of these courses (9 credits) as part of your economics electives.

ECON 315 Money and Banking
ECON 320 Economics of Public Finance
ECON 325 Health Economics
ECON 327 Law and Economics
ECON 404 Macroeconomic Policy
ECON 463 Regional Economics