

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

POLICY STATEMENT

Number: 81-10

File: Public Policy
Minor

SUBJECT: INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

The following policy statement, recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of December 18, 1980, and approved by the President on January 10, 1981, is as follows:

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

The purpose of this program is to enable persons majoring in fields related to Public Policy to gain a broader understanding of the substance of public policies, the underlying social, economic and political factors related to policy alternatives, the dynamics of the public policy decision-making process, the values implicit in these decisions, and methods by which these aspects of public policy may be analyzed.

The minor consists of 21 units including a core curriculum of 12 units and 9 units of electives:

1. Core Curriculum: (12 units required)

- A. Introduction to Public Policy. 3 units chosen from among the following courses:

Economics 436 - Urban Economic Problems
Geography 466 - Urban Geography
Political Science 328 - Introduction to Public Policy
Psychology 375 - Community Psychology
Sociology 349 - Social Conflict and Public Policy
Urban Studies 401 - The Changing Urban Region

- B. Public Policy 350 - The Policy Making Process (3 units)
C. Public Policy 400 - Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis
(3 units)
D. Public Policy 450 - Public Values and Public Policy (3 units)

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NOTE: It is strongly recommended that students take the core curriculum courses in sequence, the first two during the Junior year and the second two during the Senior year.

2. Electives: (9 units)

At least six units of nine elective units must be taken in one of the policy area concentrations outlined below. The remaining three units may be taken from among any of the elective courses approved for the minor.

Policy Area Concentration: Community Relations and Social Services, Health Care, Housing and Recreation, Education, Economic Regulation, Justice and Law, Land Use and Ecology, Computational Skills for Public Policy, Foreign Policy and International Relations, Values and Public Policy, Government Processes and Policy.

The minor will be governed by an interdisciplinary advisory board, composed of not less than five, nor more than fifteen, tenure-track faculty members of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and appointed by the Dean. A Director of the program will be appointed by the Dean upon the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

Effective: Fall 1981

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