

Public Policy Emphasis Area

Bachelor of Arts in Urban and Community Studies (UCS)

Major Degree Requirements with Emphasis Area Recommendations - Effective Fall 2014

UCS majors complete a total of 36 course credits, 24 within the major plus an additional 12 related, toward the minimum 120 credits required to graduate from the University of Connecticut.

GROUP I: REQUIRED CORE COURSES

Take both courses listed below = 6 credits

URBN 2000 (Introduction to Urban and Community Studies)
URBN 4000 (Understanding Your Community)

GROUP II: CORE

Select three courses from three different departments = 9 credits

Strongly Recommended

ECON 2439 (Urban Development & Policy)
ECON 2456 (Economics of Poverty)
POLS 3632/URBN 3632 (Urban Politics)
POLS 3842/PP 3031 (Public Administration/Public Admin. in Theory & Practice)
PP 4034 (Social Policy)

Recommended

GEOG 3200/URBN 3200 (Urban Geography)
HIST 3541/URBN 3541 (History of Urban America)
SOCI 3425 (Social Welfare & Social Work)
SOCI 3901/URBN 3275 (Urban Sociology)
SOCI 3911 (Communities)
URBN 3000 (Urban Anthropology)

GROUP III: METHODS

Select one course = 3 credits

Recommended

POLS 2072Q (Quantitative Analysis in Political Science)
PP 2100/URBN 2100 (Survey Research Methods)
PP3010 (Public Policy Research Methods I (Program Evaluation))
SOCI 3201 (Methods of Social Research)
STAT 2215Q (Introduction to Statistics II)
URBN 2301Q (Research Methods & (Qualitative) Analysis in UCS)
URBN 3998 (Variable Topic course "Quantitative Analysis of UCS")

GROUP IV: SUPPORTING

Select two courses = 6 credits

Strongly Recommended

ECON 2328 (Applied Regional Analysis: The Connecticut Economy)
POLS 3847 (The Policy-making Process)
PP 3001 (Public Policy)
PP 3020 (Cases in Public Policy)
PP 4033 (State and Local Fiscal Problems)

Recommended

(Plus any courses recommended in Groups II & III)

ECON 2431 (Economics of Taxation & Government Spending)
ECON 3431 (Public Finance)
ECON 3439/URBN 3439 (Urban & Regional Economics)
HDFS 3530 (Public Policy & the Family)
HDFS 3540 (Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy)
INTD 3584 (Seminar in Urban Problems (Urban Semester))
POLS 2622 (State & Local Government)
POLS 3617 (American Political Economy)
PP 3033/AFAR 3033/POLS 3633 (Race and Public Policy)
SOCI 3429/HRTS 3429 (Sociological Perspectives on Poverty)
SOCI 3903/URBN 3276 (Urban Problems)
URBN 3981 or INTD 3594 (Internship in UCS or Urban Semester Seminar)
URBN 3995 (Special Topics – depending on topic)
URBN 3998 (Variable Topics – depending on topic)
URBN 4999 (Independent Study)

RELATED COURSES

Select four courses = 12 credits

Recommended

(Plus courses recommended in Groups II, III & IV, with the exception of URBN courses and those cross-listed with URBN)

HDFS 3550 (Comparative Family Policy)
POLS 3214 (Comparative Social Policy)
POLS 3602 (The Presidency and Congress)
POLS 3834 (Immigration and Transborder Politics)
POLS 3852 (Politics of Budgeting)
POLS 3857 (Politics, Society, and Education Policy)
PP 3030 (Investigating Public Opinion)
PP 3032 (Managing Public Money)
PP 3098 (Public Policy Issues)
PP 4032 (Capital Financing and Budgeting)
PP 4033 (State and Local Fiscal Problems)
PP 4034 (Social Policy)

GENERAL EDUCATION/ELECTIVE COURSES

Strongly Recommended

PUBH 1001 (Introduction to Public Health) - Fulfills one Content Area II requirement

Notes:

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