Bachelor of Science in Public Policy

The Public Policy program is an interdisciplinary academic program, drawing upon the insights of political science, economics, research methods and statistics, and other related fields, to help students to tackle the “wicked problems” — those resistant to resolution — in domestic public policy. The coursework provides the basis to analyze economic and political issues, knowledge of organizations and how to lead them, and the foundations of policy making and implementation. Students also gain a specialization through a minor of their choice. Students in the program will learn to:

• Draw upon skills from multiple disciplines to analyze and evaluate contemporary public policy problems.
• Apply their academic skills in an applied setting through an internship or undergraduate research.
• Develop their communication skills through written policy briefs and more in-depth analyses of issues in the academic discipline of public policy studies.
• To conduct public policy research and policy analysis in the capstone class.

Careers in Public Policy

Students seeking a degree in public policy will be equipped with critical skills necessary to for positions in public, nonprofit and private sectors. Common placement is in the following areas: policy analysts, education, consulting, government agencies, communications, lobbying, non-profits/NGOS, transportation, public service, or financial services. Many public policy graduates also pursue professional and graduate degrees in economics, law, public administration, public policy, public health, education and planning.

The University’s Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing their career. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews, writing professional cover letters and resumes and help students connect with campus recruiters, among other services.

Public Policy at UT Dallas

The Bachelor of Science in Public Policy is a degree program intended for individuals who seek to analyze public policy issues and implement solutions based on qualitative and quantitative research. Graduates will be prepared to engage in research for public agencies, non-profits, the private sector, or NGOs.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in internships while in the public policy program. This will provide an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge acquired through coursework in a professional setting, as well as to expand valuable social network connections.

The general BS degree requires 120 hours to graduate: 42 hours from the University’s core curriculum, 30 hours from the major, 24 hours of prescribed electives and 24 hours of free electives. Students must complete a minor within these free elective hours.
Every new generation inherits a world more complex than that of its predecessors, which prompts a need for new thinking about public policies that impact people's daily lives. In the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS), we examine the implications of innovation and change for individuals and communities.

As an undergraduate in EPPS, you will have the chance to work with professors who are probing issues that will affect your future. You will develop the vital skills you need to thrive in a rapidly evolving, highly competitive job market. EPPS will prepare you for careers in government, non-profits and the private sector that enable you to make a real difference in the world of today and tomorrow.

EPPS is at the forefront of leadership, ethics and innovation in the public and nonprofit sectors. Our students and faculty look forward to new opportunities to study and address the complex and evolving issues of the future.

**Degrees Offered**

**Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, political science, public affairs, public policy, sociology

**Master of Science:** Applied sociology, criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, justice administration and leadership, social data analytics and research

**Master of Arts:** Political science, political science-constitutional law, political science-legislative studies

**Master of Public Affairs:** Public affairs

**Master of Public Policy:** Public policy

**Doctor of Philosophy:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public affairs, public policy and political economy

**Contact Information**

EPPS Advising  
EPPSadvising@utdallas.edu  
School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
800 West Campbell Road GR 31  
Richardson, TX 75080-3021  
Office of Admission and Enrollment Services  
800 West Campbell Road  
Richardson, TX 75080-3021  
Phone: 972-883-2270 or 1-800-889-2443  
Website: utdallas.edu/enroll