

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, MINOR IN

A minor in public management is designed for students who wish to prepare for a variety of employment opportunities in government and related fields. It provides an overview of public affairs at the national, state and local levels. Its emphasis is on acquainting students with the political context of public administration, issues of particular importance in the private sector, and the complexity of planning and decision-making. By emphasizing both professional skill and analytical thinking, it offers the possibility to develop valuable workplace skills and analytical capabilities that may qualify graduates for professional opportunities with local, state or federal agencies, and an ultimate career in the public sector. A public management minor also is solid preparation for graduate study in law, public administration, public policy and political science. Students in the minor may arrange an internship to provide experience and practical exposure to public management.

Minor requirements

The minor consists of 18 upper-level credits. All students must take the following courses:

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| POLI 310 | Public Policy | 3 |
| POLI 322 | State and Local Government and Politics | 3 |
| POLI 331 | Public Administration | 3 |
| Select three of the following electives: | | 9 |
| POLI 309 | Bureaucratic Politics | |
| POLI 321 | Urban Politics | |
| POLI 323 | Virginia Government and Politics | |
| POLI 329 | Intergovernmental Relations | |
| POLI 344 | Contemporary Political Theory | |
| POLI 370 | Foundations of Nonprofit Management | |
| POLI 493 | Political Science Internship (see adviser) | |
| Total Hours | | 18 |