

MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

There are many interfaces between the realm of public policy and nearly every program of study at Georgia Tech. Engineering, the sciences, management, architecture, computing, and the liberal arts are impacted by – and affect – the decisions made by governments. The minor and certificate in Public Policy allow Georgia Tech students to develop the multidisciplinary thinking skills that are needed for strategic decision making in business and technical professions as well as law and public policy.

Certificate in Public Policy

The certificate program consists of twelve credit hours of coursework.

Minor Program of Study & Guidelines

Program of Study

Students pursuing the minor should have their program of study approved in writing by the public policy minor supervisor before enrolling in a course they intend to count toward the minor. A student may seek prior permission from the School of Public Policy to allow 3 credit hours of upper-division coursework in public policy taught outside the School to count toward the completion of the minor. Contact the School for the current public policy minor supervisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Course		
POL 1101	Government of the United States ¹	3
Electives		
Select 15 credit hours of PUBP electives, at least 12 of which are upper-division. ²		15
Total Credit Hours		18

¹ POL 1101 or equivalent as determined by the administrator of the minor program is required **in addition** to the 15 credit hours for the minor.

² Numbered 3000 or above. A student may seek permission from the School of Public Policy to allow 3 credit hours of upper-division coursework taught outside the School to count toward the completion of the minor if that coursework is clearly relevant to Public Policy.

- A course may not be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one minor or certificate.
- All courses counting toward the minor must be taken on a letter-grade basis.
- All courses used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor must be completed with a grade of C (2.00) or better.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours of Special Topics courses may be included in a minor program or the student may complete 3 credit hours of Special Topics and 3 credit hours of either Special Problems or Undergraduate Research. Students may not use 6 credit hours of either Special Problems or Undergraduate Research for a minor.
- A maximum of 3 credit hours of transfer credit may be used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor. This includes courses taken at another institution or credit earned through the AP or IB program, assuming the scores meet Georgia Tech minimum standards.

- It is the **major advisor's responsibility** to verify that students are using only courses from the designated block(s) from the student's major field of study that are allowed to satisfy a minor program, that they are not using any Core Area A-E courses (including humanities and social sciences), and that they are not using any courses for more than one minor or certificate. Any free elective course used to satisfy the course requirements of the student's major degree program may also be used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor.