Online Bachelor of Professional Studies in Policy Studies

The Online BPS in Policy Studies examines how decisions are made and how they affect government policies—at the international, federal, state, and local levels, as well as in private business and nonprofit organizations. Students also study the policymaking process, the resulting impact, and how, in general, policies affect people's lives. The Online BPS in Policy Studies introduces students to historical, social, economic, and political factors shaping contemporary policy issues. Students develop an expertise in a policy area of their choice that provides a broad range of scholarly and professional perspectives.

Liberal Arts Core (30-33 credits)

Writing (6 credits)

- WRT 105
- WRT 205

Quantitative Skills or Foreign Language (6-8 credits)

Courses from LA Core Guidebook

Humanities (6 credits)

- Course from LA Core Guidebook
- Course from LA Core Guidebook

Social Science (6 credits)

- Course from LA Core Guidebook
- Course from LA Core Guidebook

Natural Science (3-4 credits)

• Course from LA Core Guidebook

Critical Reflections on Ethical & Social Issues

(3 credits)

• Course from LA Core Guidebook

Students are required to select one Liberal Arts Core Course that meets the IDEA requirement

Professional Competencies Core (30 Credits)

Required Program Management (9 credits)

- BPS 211 Introduction to Professional Studies
- BPS 411 Senior Seminar
- FYS 101 First Year Seminar
- BPS 144 Orange Immersion

Choose 7 of the following (21 credits):

- BPS 303 Introduction to Change Management
- BPS 315 Practical Financial Management
- BPS 317 Assertiveness in the Workplace
- BPS 321 Rhetorical Awareness and the Diverse Workplace
- BPS 325 Creative and Design Thinking
- BPS 342 Customer Relations Leadership
- BPS 382 Leading Cooperative Negotiations
- BPS 403 Business Organizations
- BPS 472 Organizational Leadership
- CRL 311 Professional Issues in Creative Leadership
- CRL 313 Strategic Leadership
- PPM 301 Foundations of Project Management
- PPM 325 Project Communications and Stakeholder Management

Major Requirements for Policy Studies (30 Credits)

Core Courses (24 credits)

- PST 101 An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy
- PSC 121 American National Government & Politics
- PSC 202 Introduction to Political Analysis
- ECN 101 Intro to Microeconomics
- SOC 102 Social Problems
- PST 315 Methods of Public Policy Analysis and Presentation
- PST 367 Smart Cities and Urban Policy
- PST 410 Practicum in Public Policy

Major Electives (6 Credits)

Credits may be from any Upper Division Maxwell or from the following list. (NOTE: cannot be a duplicate class taken in the Professional Competencies Core)

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- BPS 315 Practical Financial Management
- BPS 317 Assertiveness in the Workplace
- BPS 319 Global Leadership
- BPS 321 Rhetorical Awareness and the Diverse Workplace
- BPS 325 Creative and Design Thinking
- BPS 335 Conflict in Business Management for Professional Studies
- BPS 342 Customer Relations Leadership
- BPS 382 Leading Cooperative Negotiations
- BPS 403 Business Organizations
- BPS 415 Digital and Business Communication for Professional Studies
- BPS 472 Organizational Leadership
- CRL 301 Introduction to Creative Leadership
- CRL 311 Professional Issues in Creative Leadership
- CRL 313 Strategic Leadership
- CYB 233 Introduction to Computer Networking for Professional Studies
- CYB 323 Introduction to Information Security for Professional Studies
- KNM 301 Introduction to Knowledge Management
- PPM 301 Foundations of Project Management

Free Electives (27-30 credits)