Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies

The Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies serves as the focal point for scholarship, teaching, and service in the fields of Public Administration and Public Policy. The department was founded with the mission to advance excellence in public and nonprofit management education.

The minor in Public Administration is designed for undergraduate students who are interested in the study and practice of public and nonprofit management. The minor is comprised of courses focusing on issues related to the delivery and management of public programs, public policy analysis, leadership and innovation management, budgeting and financial management, administrative law, and civic engagement and responsibility. Students from all majors are welcomed and encouraged to boost their career options within government, nonprofit, and corporate institutions with this applied and strategic minor.

Students completing the minor in Public Administration will be able to:

1. define major theories underlying the field of public administration and public administrators’ role in American democracy.
2. identify the core mechanisms of public administration, including the organization and management of human and financial resources.
3. describe and explain the structure and components of the public and nonprofit sectors.
4. recognize and focus on ethical problems, develop and refine appropriate methods of moral reasoning, and be sensitive to the nuances and ambiguities of ethical situations.
5. formulate a public policy response to a “real world” social or economic problem.
6. discuss the political, economic, legal, and social environments of public policy and administration.
7. discuss various leadership styles and explain how differing styles impact organizational outcomes.

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