

POLICY STUDIES
Program Tracking Sheet
 Effective for students entering AY 2026-2027

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor:	2 nd Major:

NOTES: Minimum total academic credit = 15 units Residency
 Req.: Min. of 8 units must be completed at WPI

HUMANITIES AND ARTS (6/3 units) All 5 HUA courses must be completed before beginning the Inquiry Seminar or Practicum. The Humanities and Arts Department will accept a maximum of 1/3 unit of AP credit towards the Humanities and Arts requirement.

Depth Component				
Students must complete at least three thematically related courses prior to the culminating Inquiry Seminar or Practicum in the same thematic area. At least one of the three courses should be at the 2000-level or above.				
	Course	Term	Grade	Units
1				1/3
2				1/3
3				1/3
4	HU 3900 or 3910			1/3
Breadth Component				
Students must take at least one course outside the grouping in which they complete their depth component. To identify breadth, courses are grouped in the following manner.				
i. art/art history, drama/theatre, and music (AR, TH, MU);				
ii. modern languages (AB, CN, ISE, GN, SP);				
iii. literature and writing rhetoric (EN, WR);				
iv. history, humanities, and international and global studies (HI, HU, INTL);				
v. philosophy and religion (PY, RE).				
Exception: May take all six courses in a modern language.				
5				1/3
Humanities Elective				
6				1/3

WELLNESS/PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 WPE classes = 1/3 unit)

7				1/12
				1/12
				1/12
				1/12

INTERACTIVE QUALIFYING PROJECT (3/3 unit)

8				1/3
9				1/3
10				1/3

MATHEMATICS (3/3 unit) = 2 calculus at MA1020 or higher + Statistics

11				1/3
12				1/3
13	Statistics			1/3

BASIC SCIENCE (3/3 unit) (DS, CH, PH, BB, GE designations)

14				1/3
15				1/3
16				1/3

FREE ELECTIVES (3/3 unit)

17				1/3
18				1/3
19				1/3

DISCIPLINARY COURSES

GOVERNMENT COURSES (9/3 unit) See Note 1

20	GOV 1301			1/3
21	GOV 1303			1/3
22	GOV 1400			1/3
23				1/3
24				1/3
25				1/3
26				1/3
27				1/3
28				1/3

POLICY ANALYSIS AND METHODS COMPETENCY (5/3 unit) See Note 2

29	GOV			1/3
30	ECON 1110			1/3
31	ECON 1120			1/3
32	ECON 2126			1/3
33	ENV 1500 or DS 1010			1/3

CONCENTRATION COURSES (6/3 unit) See Note 3

34				1/3
35				1/3
36				1/3
37				1/3
38				1/3
39				1/3

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (3/3 unit) See Note 4

40				1/3
41				1/3
42				1/3

MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT (3/3 unit)

43				1/3
44				1/3
45				1/3

Note 1: The core courses are GOV 1301, GOV 1303, GOV 1400. The recommended courses are GOV 1310, GOV 1320, GOV 2100, or GOV 2302, but can include other GOV courses at the 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000 level.

Note 2: Must include a 3000 or 4000 level research methods GOV course, ECON 1110, ECON 1120, ECON 2126, and either ENV 1500 or DS 1010.

Note 3: Students have the option between a few concentrations under the Policy Studies major. The courses that support each concentration are outlined below in the boxes.

Note 4: Students can take any elective courses in the social science fields that includes GOV, PSY, ECON, DEV, SD, ENV, SOC, SS, STS, ID, and BUS.

CONCENTRATIONS

Complex Systems Thinking

Students complete 2 units (6 courses) from the following courses:

ES 1500; ES 2800; ES 3501; OIE 3460; SD 1510; SD 2520; SD 2530; SD 3550; and SS 1505.

Development and the Environment

Students must complete 2 units (6 courses) from the list below. At least 1 unit (3 courses) must be at the 3000- level or above.

DEV 1200, DEV 2200; ECON 3100; ECON 3117; ECON 3125; ENV 1100; ENV 2310; ENV 2600; ENV 3500; GOV 2311; GOV 2319; or GOV 3312.

Pre-law Concentration

Students completing a law concentration must take 2 units (6 courses) that relate to law and policy.

- 2 courses = GOV 2310, GOV 2320
- Choose 3 from = GOV 2311, GOV 2320, GOV 2313, GOV 2314, GOV 2315, or special topics in law course.
- Choose 1 GOV course at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Students are encouraged to use their three free electives (lines 17, 18, and 19 above) in the following courses: HI 1314, HI 2318, HI 3312, HU 1411, WR 1010, WR 1020, PY 2712, BUS 2020, or any other course relevant to ethics, law, critical thinking, writing, and policy.

Science, Engineering, or Technology

Students must complete 2 units (6 courses) drawn from any major in science, engineering, or technology (two must be at the 3000-level or above).

Students seeking to double major or minor in Policy Studies or have additional questions should contact the Associate Program Director at gr-PolicyStudiesProgram@wpi.edu.



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4-year Plan Template

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor(s):	Major(s)/Minor(s):

Year 1					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 2					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 3					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 4					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

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