

Politics and Public Policy, Minor

The Minor in Politics and Public Policy

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Overview

Sponsored by the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology (CMIST) (<https://www.cmu.edu/cmist/>) and rooted in the discipline of political science, the minor in Politics and Public Policy investigates US public policy issues and other matters of domestic politics while providing students hands-on and practical learning experiences. Students pursuing the Politics and Public Policy minor must participate in the Carnegie Mellon University Washington Semester Program (CMU/WSP) (<https://www.cmu.edu/cmist/washington-center/>) for one semester during their undergraduate years.

The CMU/WSP, sponsored by the university's Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology (CMIST), is a semester-long program in which students live, intern, and take CMU classes on Capitol Hill in Washington. Undergraduates from any course of study at the university may participate in the program. Students earn 48 units for the Carnegie Mellon University Washington Semester Program, interning about twenty-four hours per week in any sector or field of interest within the District of Columbia, metropolitan region, while taking classes on American politics, public policy, and law taught by CMU faculty.

Through this experiential learning program, CMU/WSP participants develop professional and networking skills, explore how coursework connects to the real world, learn to give and receive constructive feedback in the workplace and classroom, and intentionally reflect on their learning and growth. CMU/WSP students are connected with Washington, DC-based alumni to share career advice and tips about life in DC. CMIST also sponsors events and policy-oriented opportunities in Washington for students participating in the program to further enrich their experience and enhance their understanding of how Washington functions as a hub of international and US policy decision making.

Curriculum

Minor in Politics and Public Policy 66 units

Foundational Course 9 units

Students select one course (9 units) from the following list of courses offered at Carnegie Mellon University's Pittsburgh or Qatar campus. Students may take this course before or after participating in the CMU/WSP.

	Units
84-101 Introduction to Political Science	9
84-104 Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-226 International Relations	9
84-275 Comparative Politics	9

Data Science/Economics Requirement 9 units

Students must complete one course (9 units) from the following list of courses offered Carnegie Mellon University's Pittsburgh or Qatar campus. Students may take this course before or after participating in the CMU/WSP.

84-110 The Economics of Politics and Technology	9
36-202 Methods for Statistics & Data Science	9
73-102 Principles of Microeconomics	9
73-103 Principles of Macroeconomics	9
73-104 Principles of Microeconomics Accelerated	9

Internship 24 units

84-360 CMU/WSP Internship Seminar	24
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Seminar on Public Policy Research, Writing, and Implementation 12 units

Full semester course. Options vary by semester. Students enroll in one course from the following list:

84-336	Implementing Public Policy: From Good Idea To Reality	12
84-339	Seminar in Public Policy Research	12

Seminars on American Politics, Governance, Institutions, and Law 12 units

Students enroll in one course in each mini during the semester they are in Washington, DC, for a total of 2 seminars and 12 units.

84-332	Contemporary US Constitutional Law Issues	6
84-338	Analysis of US Presidential Powers	6

Double Counting

Students may double count a maximum of two courses with another major or minor. Unlimited double counting is permitted with general education requirements.