



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY

Program Mission Statement

The Public Policy undergraduate program at Kentucky State University aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of public policy, policy-making processes, governance, and governmental relations. The program fosters critical thinking, analytical skills, and ethical decision-making to address complex societal challenges. Graduates will be prepared to effectively engage with public institutions, advocate for policy change, and contribute to the development of informed and innovative solutions in both public and private sectors, promoting transparency, accountability, and social justice.

Program Objectives

The Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy will develop professionals who possess the knowledge, skills, and ethical grounding necessary to influence and shape public policy. The program aims to provide students with a deep understanding of the political, economic, and social factors that impact governance and policy decisions. Graduates will be equipped to analyze policy issues, advocate effectively, communicate with diverse stakeholders, and engage in government relations strategies. The program prepares students for careers in the management of public affairs, advocacy, non-profit leadership, consultancy, urban administration, and other roles that contribute to the effective formulation and implementation of public policy.

Students will learn:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the legislative processes of public policy and government structures.
- Prepare students to effectively engage in government relations and advocacy efforts at local, national, and international levels.
- Develop communication and negotiation skills for interacting with diverse stakeholders in the policy environment.
- Train students for careers in management of public affairs, policy analysis, non-profit organizations, advocacy, consultancy, urban administration, and related fields.
- Encourage innovative approaches to policy challenges and solutions for societal issues.
- Promote leadership and professional development for effective engagement in both public and private sector roles related to government and policy.
- Empower students with the tools to influence public opinion and policy change through effective communication and public engagement strategies.
- Build a strong foundation in ethics and governance to ensure responsible policy advocacy and decision-making.

- Promote adaptability and problem-solving skills to address emerging and evolving societal and global challenges.
- Cultivate expertise in policy research methodologies to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of policies.
- Foster understanding of international relations and global policy trends to work effectively in cross-cultural and global contexts.

Learning Outcomes (as adopted from NASPAA):

Public Policy Program Learning Outcomes:

1. Lead and manage in the public sector.
2. Analyze, synthesize data, and think critically.
3. Communicate and interact productively with a diverse workforce.
4. Articulate and apply a public service perspective.
5. Participate in and contribute to the policy process.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Term 1 (Fall)		
PPL 111	A Survey of Public Policy	3
ENG 101	English Comp I	3
FYE 118	First Year Experience	3
COM 103	Interpersonal Communication	3
MAT 200 or MAT 115	Intro to Stat Reasoning & Ana. or College Algebra	3
Hours		15
Term 2 (Spring)		
POS 101	American Government	3
Select one General Educational Global/Civic Course		3
AFE 117	Global Perspect Ag/Food/Env	
ASP 303	American Civil Rights Movement	
Select one General Education Natural Science Course		3
BIO 101	Life Science	
BIO 111	Principles of Biology	
CHE 109	Chemistry in Context	
CHE 101 & CHE 110	General Chemistry I and General Chem I Laboratory	
CHE 209	Survey Gen/Organic/Biochemi	
PHS 201	Physical Sciences I	
Select one General Education Arts Course		3
ART 130	Introduction to Art	
ENG 211	Intro to Literature	
MUS 130	Introduction to Music	
THE 130	Introduction to Theatre	
ENG 102	English Comp II	3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Term 3 (Fall)		
POS 201	Metropolitan Government	3
PPL 245	Pub Pol. Leg. & Reg. Process	3
Select one General Education Behavioral Science Course		3
PSY 200	General Psychology	
SOC 203	Principles of Sociology	
Select one General Education Social Science Course		3
ECO 201	Prin of Economics I	
FIN 101	Financial Literacy	
Select one General Education Humanities Course		3
BUA 120	Business and Society	
EDU 204	Cultural Responsiveness	
HIS 103	Western Civilization	

HIS 108	Intro to African American Hist	
Hours		15
Term 4 (Spring)		
PPL 225	Urban Theory in Mod. Amer. Cit	3
POS 300 or CJE 434	Statistics for BSS or Statistics for Crim Justice	3
PUA 301	Public Budget Process	3
Free Electives		6
Hours		15
Year 3		
Term 5 (Fall)		
POS 301 or CJE 433	Research Methods for BSS or Criminal Justice Research Meth	3
POS 331	American Constitutional Law	3
PPL 390	Models of Pub Pol Making	3
POS 363	International Organizations	3
Free Electives		3
Hours		15
Term 6 (Spring)		
PUA 304	Comparat Adm Sys/Policies	3
PUA 305	Contemporary Public Policy Iss	3
POS 361	World Politics	3
Free Electives		6
Hours		15
Year 4		
Term 7 (Fall)		
PUA 400	Pol Analysis/Program Eval	3
PUA 414	Applied Human Relations	3
POS 291	Political Science Internship I	3-12
Free Electives		6
Hours		15-24
Term 8 (Spring)		
PPL 440	Diplomacy & Leadership	3
PUA 402	Human Resources Mgt	3
PUA 499	Senior Sem. In Public Policy	3
Free Electives		6
Hours		15
Total Hours		120-129