



A Course of Study for
PUBLIC POLICY

The Public Policy program consists of an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary course of study that presents an overview of the development and implementation of important public policies affecting the lives of local, regional, and state residents. This program is designed to equip students with the skills and tools to successfully engage in civic debate and to critically evaluate and analyze the development and implementation of substantive public policies, while providing an opportunity to work with governmental and non-governmental organizations and agencies in a direct way.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Public Policy Associate Degree (19 units)
- Public Policy Certificate of Achievement (19 units)
- Related Program: Political Science

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

PUBLIC POLICY, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (19 UNITS)

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate coherent and comprehensive analyses of the public policies affecting the lives of local, regional, and state citizens and will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary for participation in civic life including critical evaluation and analysis of policy options, policy development and effective implementation strategies.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (

Required Core Courses: (7 units)

POL SC 1, National and California Government (3)

or

POL SC 3, Introduction to Politics: Justice, Power and Agency (3)

POL SC 31, Introduction to Public Policy (3)

POL SC 95, Public Policy - Experiential Learning (1)

Critical Thinking and Communication: Students are required to take 1 course from each area: (6 units)

AREA A: English Language and Critical Thinking (3 units)

BUS 32, Business Communications (3)

ENGL 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)

ENGL 2, Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition (3)

ENGL 31, Advanced Composition (3)

HIST 47, The Practice of History (3)

PHILOS 7, Logic and Critical Thinking (3)

AREA B: Oral Communication/Media Literacy: (3 units)

COM ST 11, Elements of Public Speaking (3)

COM ST 37, Intercultural Communication (3)

JOURN 1, The News (3)

MEDIA 1, Survey of Mass Media Communications (3)

MEDIA 2, Reading Media: Acquiring Media Literacy Skills (3)

MEDIA 10, Media, Gender, and Race (3)

WGS 30, Women, Gender and Sexuality in Popular Culture (3) (*formerly WOM ST 30*)

SPECIALIZATION AREAS: Students are required to take 2 courses WITHIN one of the following five (5) tracks: (6 units)

Arts and Cultural Affairs Track:

AHIS 3, Western Art History III (3)

AHIS 11, Art Appreciation Introduction to Global Visual Culture (3)

AHIS 72, American Art History (3)

DANCE 2, Dance in American Culture (3)

DANCE 5, Dance History (3)

DANCE 9, Dance Productions (3)

MUSIC 30, Music History I (3)

MUSIC 33, Jazz in American Culture (3)

MUSIC 36, History of Rock Music (3)

MUSIC 37, Music in American Culture (3)

TH ART 2, Introduction to the Theatre (3)

TH ART 5, History of World Theatre (3)

Educational Track:

- EDUC 1**, Career Choices in Education (3)
- EDUC 2**, The Early Childhood Through 12th Grade Teaching Experience (3)
- ECE 11**, Child, Family and Community (3)
- ECE 19**, Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)
- ECE 45**, Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)
- ECE 64**, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
- LING 1**, Introduction to Linguistics (3)
- PSYCH 11**, Child Growth and Development (3)

Environmental Track:

- BIOL 9**, Environmental Biology (3)
- ENVRN 40**, Environmental Psychology (3) *(same as PSYCH 40)*
- GEOG 7**, Introduction to Environmental Studies (3) *(same as ENVRN 7)*
- GEOG 14**, Geography of California (3)
- PHILOS 20**, Environmental Ethics (3) *(same as ENVRN 20)*
- POL SC 22**, Environmental Politics and Policies (3) *(same as ENVRN 22)*

Public Health Track:

- ECE 64**, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
- HEALTH 10**, Fundamentals of Healthful Living (3)
- HEALTH 70**, Integrative Health (3)
- NRSNG 60**, Multicultural Health and Healing Practices (3) *(same as HEALTH 60)*
- NUTR 1**, Introduction to Nutrition Science (3)
- NUTR 7**, Food and Culture in America (3)
- PSYCH 8**, Community Psychology (3)
- PSYCH 13**, Social Psychology (3)

Urban/Socioeconomic Track:

- AD JUN 1**, Introduction to Administration of Justice (3)
- ECON 1**, Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 2**, Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 6**, Contemporary Economic Problems (3)
- HIST 10**, Ethnicity and American Culture (3)
- POL SC 21**, Race, Ethnicity, and the Politics of Difference (3)
- POL SC 24**, Introduction to Law (3)
- PSYCH 8**, Community Psychology (3)
- PSYCH 13**, Social Psychology (3)
- URBAN 8**, Introduction to Urban Studies (3) *(same as GEOG 8)*
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- SOCIOL 1**, Introduction to Sociology (3)
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- SOCIOL 1s**, Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning (3)
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- SOCIOL 2**, Social Problems (3)
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- SOCIOL 2s**, Social Problems - Service Learning (3)
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- SOCIOL 30**, African Americans in Contemporary Society (3)
- SOCIOL 31**, Latinas/os in Contemporary Society (3)
- SOCIOL 32**, Asian Americans in Contemporary Society (3)
- SOCIOL 34**, Racial and Ethics Relations in American Society (3)