ECONOMICS MAJOR: PUBLIC POLICY AND SUSTAINABILITY OPTION (B.A.)

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Description

The Option in Public Policy and Sustainability (B.A. degree) examines the factors that influence economic, social, and environmental outcomes, such as unemployment, poverty, economic inequality, health disparities, technological innovation, and pollution. Students will develop the institutional knowledge and theoretical perspective to understand the impact that decisions of individuals, firms, communities, and governments have on such outcomes. Students will analyze the impact of specific government policies and potential reforms, theoretically and empirically.

This option is designed for students seeking careers in policy analysis and research positions at government agencies; think tanks such as RAND Corporation, Urban Institute, and Mathematica Policy Research; consulting firms such as Abt Associates; and non-governmental organizations.

Requirements

Economics Major (B.A.)

B.A. economics majors must complete eight courses in economics plus ADMN 420 Business Statistics with a grade of at least C- (1.67) in each course and an average grade of 2.0 or better in the major courses.

Required courses:

- ECON 401 Principles of Economics (Macro) 4
- ECON 402 Principles of Economics (Micro) 4
- PAUL 405 Freshman Academic Experience I 1
- PAUL 406 Freshman Academic Experience II 1
- MATH 420 Finite Mathematics 4
- or MATH 424A Calculus for Social Sciences 1
- PHIL 430 Ethics and Society (or equivalent ethics course) 4
- ADMN 420 Business Statistics 4
- ECON 605 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis 4
- or ECON 606 Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus 4
- ECON 611 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis 4
- ECON 774 Senior Economics Seminar 4
- Select three(3) additional ECON electives 2 12

Total Credits 46

1. Satisfies the requirement of the option, but does not count toward the four-elective requirement of the economics B.A. degree.
2. Specific electives for the BA Options must be chosen from an approved list of courses.

Coursework in accounting is recommended but not required. B.A. economics majors may choose to focus their major electives to satisfy the requirements of one of the three options defined by the Department of Economics.

Public Policy and Sustainability Option Requirements

(Note: Some courses may have prerequisites that are not part of the option.)

Required courses:

- ECON 656 Labor Economics 4
- EREC 572 Introduction to Natural Resource Economics 1 4
- or EREC 708 Environmental Economics 1

Select one of the following: 4

- ECON 625 Economic History of the United States 1
- ECON 642 Health Economics 1
- ECON 698 Topics (Micro-Finance) 1
- ECON 706 Economics of Climate Change 1
- ECON 726 Introduction to Econometrics 1
- EREC 572 Introduction to Natural Resource Economics 1
- EREC 606 Land Economics Perspectives: Uses, Policies, and Taxes 1
- EREC 627 Community Economics 1
- EREC 680 Agricultural and Food Policy 1
- EREC 708 Environmental Economics 1
- EREC 756 Rural and Regional Economic Development 1
- GEOG 582 Global Trade and Local Development 1
- HMP 746 Health Policy 1
- HMP #748 Health Policy Analysis 1
- EREC 726 Introduction to Econometrics 1
- EREC 756 Rural and Regional Economic Development 1
- GEOG 582 Global Trade and Local Development 1
- HMP 746 Health Policy 1
- HMP #748 Health Policy Analysis 1
- POLT 780 International Environmental Politics, Policy, and Law 1
- Other 600-level or 700-level course, with approval from ECON Dept. 12

Total Credits 12

1. Satisfies the requirement of the option, but does not count toward the four-elective requirement of the economics B.A. degree.
2. Course may not be used toward the option requirements more than once.