PUBLIC SERVICE AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP MAJOR (B.A)

https://manchester.unh.edu/academics/degree-programs/public-service-and-nonprofit-leadership

Description

The bachelor of arts degree in public service and nonprofit leadership provides an interdisciplinary, applied approach to the study of public and not-for-profit institutions and actors. Students explore the ways that leaders and citizens work in and around governments to address the complex problems confronted by N.H. and the U.S. today.

Students may apply a total of two courses in sociology, economics, or history toward the major, and may earn credit for up to a semester of coursework with an internship in Washington, D.C. through the Washington Center Program. An accelerated Master in Public Policy track is available for eligible students.

Public Service majors develop essential, transferable skills in critical thinking, problem solving, communication, teamwork, leadership, civic and community engagement, and research and data analysis. Coursework emphasizes experiential learning, such as interning at the N.H. State House or local law firms and hands-on service learning at a range of not-for-profit organizations in health, social services, and the arts. All students must undertake at least one semester-long internship and at least one independent research project to be presented at the UNH Undergraduate Research Conference.

Public service and nonprofit leadership graduates can pursue careers in state and local government, law, advocacy, non-profit organizations, journalism, education, and more, and are prepared to pursue graduate studies in law, public policy, public administration, community development, education, social work, and public health.

Requirements

Students must complete 128 credits to graduate, including 44 credits in the public service and nonprofit leadership major. Students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative GPA in the major of 2.0. No credit toward the major will be given for any course in which the student receives a grade of less than C-. Students also must fulfill the UNH Discovery Program requirements. Transfer students must take at least 28 credits in the major at UNH Manchester.

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PS 701 Senior Project and Interdisciplinary Seminar in Politics and Society 4

Any five of the following PS or POLT courses 1 20

- PS 407 Politics, Law and Contemporary Society
- PS #501 Social and Political-Economic Theory
- PS 502 Political Psychology
- PS #503 Political Theory and Historical and Social Context
- PS #504 Empire, Democracy and War
- PS 505 Political Violence and Terrorism
- PS #506 Civil Society and Public Policy
- PS 507 Justice Law and Politics
- PS 508 Supreme Court in US Society
- PS 509 Political and Social Change in Developing Countries
- PS 510 Politics of Food
- PS 511 Women and War
- PS #512 People on the Move: Immigration and Refugee Policy in Global Perspective
- PS 514 Model United Nations
- PS 515 New Hampshire Politics in Action
- PS 520 Globalization: Politics, Economics and Culture
- PS 651 Selected Topics Politics and Society
- PS 695 Politics and Society Independent Study
- PS 702 International Relations: Interdisciplinary Approach
- PS #703 Dictatorship and Democracy
- POLT 500 American Public Policy
- POLT 507 Politics of Crime and Justice
- POLT 509 Managing Bureaucracy in America
- POLT 521 Rights and the Political Community
- POLT #522 Dissent and the Political Community
- POLT 560 World Politics
- POLT 701 Courts and Public Policy
- POLT 750 Politics of Poverty

Total Credits 44

1 Up to TWO SOC, ECN, or HIST courses may substituted for PS/POLT courses, with approval from the program coordinator. Only one 400-level course will be accepted; one course must be 700 level.

For more information, contact program coordinator Stephen Pimpare at stephen.pimpare@unh.edu; or contact the Office of Admissions (unhm.admissions@unh.edu), (603) 641-4150.