

PUBLIC POLICY
2017-2018 REQUIREMENTS

The master's program in Public Policy at Trinity College prepares students broadly for analyzing policy issues, with the option of pursuing a focus in health care. Core courses provide a foundation in empirical and normative analysis, while electives and a capstone project focus on applied specialization.

The M.A. in Public Policy consists of 10 course credits. Students can opt for a policy focus in health care, completing two courses and a capstone project in the focus area.

5 Core Courses

3 Courses in Analysis and Management

- PBPL 800. Public Policy: Principles and Practice
- PBPL 806. Research Methods
- PBPL 840. Budget Management and Public Policy
- PBPL 846. Policy Analysis

2 Courses in Institutions, Law, Ethics

- PBPL 806. Moral Theory and Public Policy
- PBPL 808. Constitutional Foundations of Public Policy or
- PBPL 830. The Federal Courts and Public Policy
- PBPL 828. Institutions and Public Policy

3-4 Electives (sample of recent electives)

- PBPL 802. Law and Environmental Policy
- PBPL 817. Education Policy
- PBPL 820. Policy and Health Equity
- PBPL 830. The Federal Courts and Public Policy
- PBPL 840. Budget Management in Public Policy
- PBPL 849. Health Care Regulation and Policy

Capstone

- One-semester final capstone project

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The growing recognition of the complexity of the public, private and non-profit sectors has led to the development of a program specially tailored to those who are dealing with questions of public policy. The program equips professionals with the skills required in the analysis of public issues. The program covers tracks in public policy studies (this track includes general studies in public policy and a concentration in education policy or urban policy) and health care policy.

Students must complete a total of 10 credits including all required courses as follows:

Required Courses (6 credits)

- PBPL 800. Introduction to Public Policy
- PBPL 806. Methods of Research
- PBPL 808. Constitutional Foundations of Public Policy
- PBPL 825. Policy Implementation
- PBPL 840. Budget Management and Public Policy
- PBPL 846. Policy Analysis

And one of the following courses

- PBPL 836. Moral Theory
- PBPL 828. Theory of Democratic Institutions
- PBPL 854. Leading Issues in Bioethics, Public Policy, and Law

Elective Courses (2 credits)

- PBPL 812. Women and Politics
- PBPL 817. Education Policy
- PBPL 827. Education Law
- PBPL 832. Contemporary Issues in Education Policy
- PBPL 833. Introduction to Urban Planning
- PBPL 844. Law and Environmental Policy
- PBPL 849. Health Care Regulation and Policy
- PBPL 862. American Religion and Public Policy
- PBPL 865. The Supreme Court and Public Policy
- PBPL 866. State and Local Policy and Politics
- PBPL 870. Supreme Court as Policy Maker
- PBPL 891. Health Policy
- Or an elective from one of the other tracks

Final Project (1 credit). Special permission required for 2-credit thesis.

Health care policy track - 10 credits total

Students must complete a total of 10 credits, including all required courses and two elective courses plus a final project course as approved by the program director or associate program director.

Required Courses (7 credits)

- PBPL 800. Introduction to Public Policy
- PBPL 806. Methods of Research
- PBPL 825. Policy Implementation
- PBPL 846. Policy Analysis
- PBPL 854. Leading Issues in Bioethics, Public Policy, and Law
- PBPL 849. Economics and Regulation of Health Care
- PBPL 891. Health Policy

Elective Courses (2 credits)

- PBPL 863. Child Health, Child Development, and Public Policy
- PBPL 872. Implementing ObamaCare in Connecticut
- PBPL 8xx. Public Policy of Health Research
- PBPL 8xx. Public Health Issues
- PBPL 8xx. Environmental Science and Health
- PBPL 8xx. Law of Health Care
- PBPL 8xx. Health Care in Hartford
- PBPL 8xx. Reproductive Rights
- PBPL 8xx. Health Care after 2014
- PBPL 8xx. Gerontology: The Aging of America

Final Project (1 credit). Special permission required for 2-credit thesis.