

PUBLIC POLICY, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Program Learning Objectives

1. **Understand Political Processes and Government Operations at National, State & Local Levels**
 - a. Understand Constitutional Foundations, Institutions & Political Processes in the U.S.
 - b. Understand Role of States in Federal System and Local Governments within States
 - c. Understand Operation of Government Agencies
2. **Understand and Analyze Policy Creation Process, Policy Implementation & Policy Impact**
 - a. Understand Roles of Legislatures, Agencies & Interest Groups in Policy Formation
 - b. Attain Familiarity with Selected Public Policies and Their Impact
 - c. Acquire Ability to Analyze Critically the Content and Impact of Public Policies
3. **Be Prepared to Function in Policy-Related Careers in Government and NGOs**
 - a. Ability to Write Clearly and Concisely
 - b. Ability to Communicate Effectively Using Oral Skills and Technology
 - c. Knowledge of Leadership Qualities and Strategies
 - d. Ability to Function Successfully in Policy-Related Work Environments
 - e. Ability to Understand Research Methods and Use Statistics
 - f. Knowledge of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
4. **Policy Knowledge**
 - a. Students will acquire substantive knowledge of contemporary public policy debates and processes.