

SOCIAL POLICY AND PRACTICE COORDINATE MAJOR

The multidisciplinary coordinate Major in Social Policy & Practice introduces students to problems, policies, and methods in the social policy and welfare field through three core courses and additional elective coursework in the social and behavioral sciences. The major is designed to encourage students to explore social policy interests prior to employment or graduate education. It also serves as an excellent pre-professional major for social work, the social sciences, education, law, public health, public policy, and related fields.

The program in Social Policy & Practice is designed to grant students a considerable degree of freedom in the choice of electives and to offer ample avenues for students interested in pursuing independent research and/or internship experiences. The program is particularly interested in encouraging the study of social problems related to living in an urban environment such as issues related to race, class, poverty, gender, social justice and the intersections among them. Students in the program are encouraged to pursue study abroad opportunities. The option to write an honors thesis is available to students who are in the University's Honors Program.

Social Policy & Practice graduates often find that they have many career options because of their broad academic backgrounds and well-developed writing, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills that are highly valued by employers in a wide variety of settings. Students in the major are well prepared for entering the fields of social work, education, public policy, public health, law, medicine, business, and any other field that values a solid liberal arts education.

All social policy majors are required to have a coordinate major in one of three social science departments: Political Science, Economics, or Sociology.

Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOWK 2000	Intro Social Policy/Prac	3
SOWK 4000	SPP: Emerging Programs & Policy	3
POLA 3240	Public Policy	3
Elective Courses		
Select seven elective courses		21
Total Credit Hours		30

Elective Courses

All SPP students are required to take 7 elective courses (21 hours) to be selected from a list of approved courses (see below) or to be negotiated in conjunction with the Program Director. Petitioning the Program Director for elective approval for courses other than those listed below must occur before the student takes the course. These courses will be policy-oriented courses in sociology, economics, political science, and other SLA disciplines and programs. No elective credit will be accepted for courses outside of Newcomb-Tulane College.

Students can take only three courses below the 4000-level for elective credit. All other elective courses must be at the 4000-level or above. A maximum of two study abroad courses can be counted as electives toward fulfillment of the SPP coordinate major, and those study abroad courses can only be counted at the below-4000 level.

All the departments have approved their courses for listing as SPP electives. The courses below are offered on a regular basis at Tulane by regular faculty members. Please note that some of these courses have prerequisites. Students should consult the course catalog prior to registering to ensure that they have met any department-specific prerequisites.

Economics

Course ID	Title	Credits
ECON 1010	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
ECON 3320	Urban Economics	3
ECON 3810	Labor Economics	3
ECON 4600	Inequality & Poverty in Latin America	3

Political Science

Course ID	Title	Credits
POLI 3040	Politics of Immigration	3
POLA 3270	Courts and Politics	3
POLA 4250	Politics of Poverty Policy	3

POLA 4260	Race, Sex, & Power	3
POLA 4270	Constitutional Law	4
POLC 4030	Comparative Political Economics of the Welfare State	3
POLC 6100	Politics & Health	4
POLC 6120	Comparative Social Policy	4
POLI 4620	Global Envirnmnt Politcs	3

Sociology

Course ID	Title	Credits
SOCI 1030	Sociology of The Family	3
SOCI 1050	Intro to Education & Society	3
SOCI 1060	Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 1080	Deviant Behavior	3
SOCI 1090	Social Problems	3
SOCI 1300	Criminology	3
SOCI 2180	Wealth,Power and Inequality	3
SOCI 2600	Environmental Sociology	3
SOCI 6010	Adv Special Topics: SOCI	3,4
SOCI 6012	Adv Special Topics: SOCI	3
SOCI 6060	Issues In Soc of Gender	3
SOCI 6200	Issues In Soc of Family	3
SOCI 6260	Gender, Work & Family	3
SOCI 6300	Urban Policy & Planning	3
SOCI 6330	Sociology of Education	3
SOCI 6890	Qual Research Methods	3
SOCI 6930	Social Movements in Latin America	3

Graduate Level Social Work Courses

Priority for enrollment in graduate level social welfare courses is reserved for graduate students, but instructors will often consider undergraduates for enrollment when space is available. The instructor has total discretion in determining the suitability of the undergraduate for enrollment in a graduate course.

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Liberal Arts (<https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/social-policy-practice/contact-us/>).