

# POLICY STUDIES, BPS

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## Description

The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) in Policy Studies examines how decisions are made and how they affect government policies-at the international, federal, state, and local levels, as well as in private business and nonprofit organizations.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply problem-solving techniques to ameliorate societal problems.
2. Describe how public policy is implemented.
3. Collect information in a variety of ways.
4. Analyze quantitative data for use in decision making.
5. Communicate effectively in verbal and written modes.
6. Demonstrate ability to work effectively on team projects.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Liberal Studies Core</b>		
The Liberal Studies Core gives a foundation in writing, language or quantitative skills, humanities, social science, natural science, and critical reflections. It draws upon lower-division courses in the College of Arts and Sciences.		
<i>Writing</i>		
WRT 105	Studio 1: Practices of Academic Writing	3
WRT 205	Studio 2: Critical Research and Writing	3
<i>Quantitative Skills</i>		
Complete 6-8 credits of Quantitative Skills Sequence Requirement outlined in the Liberal Arts Core Guidebook.		6-8
<i>Humanities</i>		
Select six credits from any course listed in the Humanities Division of the Liberal Arts Core Guidebook.		6
<i>Social Science</i>		
Select six credits from any course listed in the Social Sciences Division of the Liberal Arts Core Guidebook.		6
<i>Natural Science</i>		
Select 3-4 credits from any course listed in the Natural Sciences Division of the Liberal Arts Core Guidebook.		3-4
<i>Critical Reflections on Ethical &amp; Social Issues</i>		

Select 3 credits from any course listed in the Critical Reflections on Ethical & Social Issues Division of the Liberal Arts Core Guidebook. 3

### Professional Competencies Core

The Professional Competencies Core covers fundamental knowledge and abilities required in the modern workplace, such as ethics and critical thinking, problem solving, human relations, diversity and change management, budgeting and resource management, and teamwork. The Professional Competencies Core includes an introductory course, and a capstone experience required of all B.P.S. students. Designed to draw together issues from across the entire B.P.S. program, these courses summarize concepts covered in the curriculum and develop students' skills in strategic decision-making that looks to the future.

<i>Required Courses</i>		
BPS 144	Orange Immersion	2
BPS 211	Introduction to Professional Studies	3
BPS 411	Senior Seminar	3
FYS 101	First Year Seminar	1

Select seven of the following: 21

ODL 303	Introduction to Change Management	
BPS 315	Practical Financial Management for the Working Professional	
BPS 317	Assertiveness in the Workplace for Professional Studies	
BPS 321	Rhetorical Awareness and the Diverse Workplace	
ODL 425	Design Thinking for Organizations	
CRL 342	Customer Relations Leadership	
BPS 382	Leading Cooperative Negotiations	
LGL 403	Business Organizations	
ODL 372	Organizational Leadership	
CRL 311	Professional Issues in Creative Leadership	
ODL 313	Strategic Leadership	
PPM 301	Foundations of Project Management	
PPM 325	Project Communications and Stakeholder Management	

### Major Requirements

<i>Core Courses</i>		
PST 101	An Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy	3
PSC 121	American National Government and Politics	3
PSC 202	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
ECN 101	Introductory Microeconomics	3
SOC 102	Social Problems	3
PST 315	Methods of Public Policy Analysis and Presentation	3
PST 367	Smart Cities and Urban Policy	3
PST 410	Practicum in Public Policy	3

### Major Electives

Credits may be from any Upper Division Maxwell course or from the following list.

(Note: cannot be a duplicate class taken in the Professional Competencies Core)

Select six credits of the following: 6		
ODL 303	Introduction to Change Management	
BPS 315	Practical Financial Management for the Working Professional	

BPS 317	Assertiveness in the Workplace for Professional Studies
ODL 319	Global Leadership
BPS 321	Rhetorical Awareness and the Diverse Workplace
ODL 425	Design Thinking for Organizations
ODL 335	Conflict Management
CRL 342	Customer Relations Leadership
BPS 382	Leading Cooperative Negotiations
LGL 403	Business Organizations
BPS 415	Digital and Business Communications for Professional Studies
ODL 372	Organizational Leadership
ODL 301	Analysis & Decision Models for Leaders
CRL 311	Professional Issues in Creative Leadership
ODL 313	Strategic Leadership
CYB 233	Introduction to Computer Networking and Cloud Computing for Professional Studies
CYB 323	Introduction to Information Security for Professional Studies
KNM 301	Introduction to Knowledge Management
PPM 301	Foundations of Project Management
<b>Electives</b>	
Select 27-30 credits of Electives	
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>117-123</b>

## Note

The degree is administered by the College of Professional Studies. Each student should consult with their Academic Advisor to structure a plan for degree completion.

### Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)