

PUBLIC POLICY TRACK

This track is ideal for students interested in a **career working for local, state, or national government in either the legislative or executive branches**. It also will prepare you for graduate education specializing in Public Policy, Public Administration, or related fields. (Keep in mind that completion of these courses alone does not fulfill degree requirements.)

Possible careers include working:

- In the office of an elected local, state, or national official working on a wide variety of current policy issues
- In local, state, and national government departments or agencies (many senior staff in city or county agencies are our graduates)
- At a nongovernmental organization, foundation, or political advocacy organization working on grassroots organizing, social protest, and advocating on social justice issues
- At a newspaper, magazine, film, television, or other media, working on political and governance issues
- In a think tank, research organization, or consulting firm working on local, state, or national political and governance issues
- In education (as a teacher, community college instructor, or university professor)

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Recommended courses for track:

From the Core (when possible, take before other courses in the same series):

PLSI 90 Methods of Analysis
PLSI 150 Public Policy Making

Electives (choose from the following):

State and Local Government

PLSI 103 California Politics
PLSI 160 State and Local Government
PLSI 163 Municipal Government
PLSI 169T Seminar in Metropolitan Government and Politics

Policy Environment

PLSI 155 Interest Group Politics

Policy Areas

PLSI 157 Environmental Politics
PLSI 175 Water Politics and Policy
PLSI 121 American Foreign Affairs

Policymaking Institutions

PLSI 153 Presidential Politics
PLSI 154 Congressional Politics
PLSI 174 Politics and the Court

Public Administration

PLSI 181 Public Administration
PLSI 182 Administrative Analysis: Management and Organization
PLSI 184 Public Budgeting & Economic Policy
PLSI 185 Public Personnel Management

In addition to the above courses, an internship, as well as writing, communication, and analytical skills will be helpful for a career in this field. Some of the careers above may require further education in the form of a Master's or Ph.D. degree.

For complete information on course and unit requirements to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science, refer to the course catalogue and the department's website at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/polisci/degrees/index.html>.

Pursuing any track is optional, and you may switch tracks if your interests or career goals change.