B.A. in Public Policy Studies

Learning Outcomes

Students can:

- Identify the historical and interdisciplinary aspects of public policy, differentiate public policy problems from interdisciplinary, integrative solution, and recognize the complexities and dynamics of contemporary societies within the context of making policy.

- Describe how significant contextual factors such as race, gender, religion, culture, ideology, economics and politics affect policy making, and can describe from multiple perspectives the potential social, economic, political, and environmental consequences of such policy.

- Identify and explain the professional ethics of policy analysts and problems through a socially responsible framework, evaluate and critique decision-making processes from an ethical perspective that is relevant to changing environments resulting from technology, globalization, and other forces.

- Perform quantitative, analytical, and methodological skills to distinguish fact from fiction in issues of public policy, and can critique the arguments of others through identifying and organizing the constituent parts of complex ideas.

- Explain data collection methods and forms of data analysis, as well as manipulate, compare, and critique quantitative and qualitative data to identify potential policy outcomes and impacts across multiple contexts.

- Write and speak on policy issues for purpose of drafting proposals, constructing persuasive arguments for making policy decisions, and generating potential solutions to given problems.

- Use and present graphic materials to both lay and professional audiences.

- Generate potential solutions to given problems, and recognize potential resource constraints, relevant political institutions, policy consequences, and other facts associated with these potential solutions.