Policy and Management (BS)

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The Policy and Management major prepares students for key decision-making and management roles in government, non-profit organizations, and business. The major emphasizes analytic approaches to decision making and practical management skills necessary for graduates to excel in both the public and private sectors. The multidisciplinary curriculum merges frontier knowledge on both the ideals of decision making, policy, and organization, as well as the realities of individual and organizational behavior that must be confronted if high-quality outcomes are to be attained. Finally, students will have the opportunity to tailor their interests in one of four concentration areas, in coordination with the Academic Advisor. The concentrations emphasize different aspects of decision making within the major: (1) Analytics, (2) Policy, (3) Management, and (4) Law.

The Policy and Management major provides an excellent combination of theoretical and practical skills for students who intend to seek managerial positions. Because of its strong analytic orientation, it is also an excellent major for those who intend to go on to professional school programs in law, business, or public policy. It is also an appropriate choice for students pursuing graduate degrees in economics, political science, or decision science.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. It is also available as an Additional Major and a Minor. The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

1st semester (49 units)

- 36-200, Reasoning with Data
- Complete 1: First-Year Writing (FYW) 79-104, Global Histories Freshman Seminar
- 99-101, C@CM
- 21-120, Diff. & Integral Calculus*
- 88-150: Managing Decisions
- xx-xxx, Elective**

2nd semester (46 units)

- Complete 2: First-Year Writing (FYW) 79-104, Global Histories Freshman Seminar
- 36-202, Statistical Methods
- xx-xxx, Elective**

3rd semester (45 units)

- 88-251, Empirical Res. Methods
- 88-218, Domestic Negotiation OR 88-419, International Negotiation
- 88-275, Bubbles: Big Data for Human Minds***
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

4th semester (45 units)

- 88-221, Analytical Foundations of Public Policy
- 88-223, Decision Analysis***
- 88-252, Casual Inference in the Field***
- xx-xxx, Elective**
- xx-xxx, Elective**

*If required to start with 21-111, complete 21-112.
**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or a course you are interested in.
***Students are NOT required to take both 88-275 and 88-252. One course, either 88-275, which is only offered in the Fall term, or 88-252, which is only offered in the Spring term, is required to fulfill the last “Empirical Core” major requirement.
****Please note that 88-150 must be taken prior to taking 88-223. Students are not permitted to take 88-150 after passing 88-223.