



## BAKER SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### **PROPOSED Public Affairs Major, BSPAF**

The Bachelors of Science in Public Affairs (BSPAF) is a degree program designed to teach students the art and science of public problem solving. The Public Affairs degree prepares students for careers as elected officials, leading civic-minded organizations, or in a variety of policy fields, including law, energy, health, national security, and the environment.

Beyond prerequisites, the major consists of 45 hours, which includes 30 hours of core courses, 12 hours in a concentration, and a minimum of 3 hours in professional development.

*The Public Affairs degree is currently being reviewed by the relevant committees at the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Students interested in applying for the proposed Public Affairs major for the Fall 2024 entering class should apply to the Haslam College's Public Administration major in the current admissions cycle. Upon approval, the Public Administration major will move to the Baker School, and students in that major will automatically receive an offer to confirm their Baker School Public Affairs major upon receiving an offer of admission from UT.*

#### **Admissions Standards/Procedures**

Applicants for admission to the program must complete the required prerequisite (POLS 101, IAC 101, HBS 101, STAT 201, ECON 211, and ECON 213) and pre-major core courses (HBS 201, IAC 203, HBS 301, IAC 301) with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

#### **I. Prerequisites (18 credit hours)**

POLS 101 United States Government and Politics | 3 credit hours  
IAC 101 Engaging Civically | 3 credit hours  
HBS 101 Solving Public Problems | 3 credit hours  
STAT 201 Introduction to Statistics | 3 credit hours  
ECON 211 Principles of Microeconomics | 3 credit hours  
ECON 213 Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 credit hours

#### **II. Core Courses (30 credit hours)**

HBS 201 Leading Effectively | 3 credit hours  
IAC 203 Constitutional Foundations | 3 credit hours  
HBS 301 Thinking Analytically | 3 credit hours  
IAC 301 Acting Democratically | 3 credit hours  
HBS 302 Visualizing and Communicating Policy Data | 3 credit hours  
HBS 303 National Challenges | 3 credit hours  
HBS 304 State and Local Challenges | 3 credit hours  
ECON 305 Markets, Ethics, and Capitalism | 3 credit hours  
HBS 401 Evaluating Performance | 3 credit hours  
IAC 401 The Art of the Possible | 3 credit hours

#### **III. Concentration (12 credit hours)**

One concentration is required. Students are encouraged to complete more than one concentration, as their schedule allows. Students must complete the concentration with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

#### Policy Analytics

ECON 311 Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 credit hours  
ECON 381 Introduction to Econometrics | 3 credit hours  
HBS 481 Policy Lab I | 3 credit hours  
HBS 482 Policy Lab II | 3 credit hours



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### Public Management

ACT 200 Foundations of Accounting | 3 credits  
FIN 300 Fundamentals of Finance | 3 credits  
HBS 434 Public Organization, Theory, and Behavior | 3 credit hours  
HBS 435 Leading Across Difference | 3 credit hours

### Political Communication

JREM 200 Multimedia Writing | 3 credits  
CMST 342 Survey of Organizational Communication | 3 credits  
PBRL 400 Ethical and Legal Issues in Public Relations | 3 credits  
CMST 449 Political Persuasion | 3 credits

### Government Relations

CMST 342 Survey of Organizational Communication | 3 credits  
JREM 366 Media and Democracy | 3 credits  
PBRL 430 Crisis Communication | 3 credits  
CMST 449 Political Persuasion | 3 credits

### Law and Policy

IAC 302 American Legal System | 3 credit hours  
IAC 303 Legal Research and Writing | 3 credit hours  
IAC 404 Crime, Law, and Justice | 3 credit hours  
IAC 405 Civil Law and Justice | 3 credit hours

### Environmental Policy

AREC 314 Environmental Law | 3 credit hours  
AREC 470 Policy Analysis for Environmental and Natural Resource Management | 3 credit hours  
ECON 362 Environmental and Natural Resource Policy | 3 credit hours  
GEOG 443 Sustainable Cities and Landscapes | 3 credit hours

### Energy Policy

GEOG 346 Energy, Governance, and Sustainability | 3 credit hours  
ECON 362 Environmental and Natural Resource Policy | 3 credit hours  
HBS 424 Energy Markets and Economics | 3 credit hours  
HBS 443 Energy Transitions | 3 credit hours

### National Security

POLS 366 United States Foreign Policy Process | 3 credit hours  
PHIL 441 Global Justice and Human Rights | 3 credit hours  
IAC 413 The Military in American Democracy | 3 credit hours  
HBS 452 U.S. National Security | 3 credit hours

### Economic and Community Development

ECON 311 Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 credit hours  
HBS 461 Tools for Economic Development | 3 credit hours  
ECON 471 Public Finance: Expenditure Analysis | 3 credit hours  
ECON 472 Taxation and Fiscal Federalism | 3 credit hours

### Health Policy

ECON 311 Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 credit hours



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PUBH 400 Comparative Health Systems | 3 credit hours  
PUBH 420 Environmental Public Health | 3 credit hours  
ECON 436 Economics of Health and Health Care | 3 credit hours

**III. Professional Development (3 credit hours minimum)**

HBS 485 Beyond Baker | 1 credit hour

Select one course:

HBS 492 Master Class in Public Affairs | 2 credit hours

HBS 494 Internship | 0-6 credit hours

IAC 494 Internship | 0-6 credit hours