POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE
Predefined Concentration
Humphrey School of Public Affairs
University of Minnesota

Many students who apply to schools of public affairs are fascinated by politics and hunger for a way to learn more about it and find a career path related to politics. One of the unique strengths of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs is its large, diverse, and nationally prominent faculty including many political scientists, who stand out as scholars and instructors as well as being engaged with the real-world of policy and politics. The School is a hub of activity with prominent national and state politicians, policy makers, and activists, creating an exciting environment for learning and practice.

Students at the Humphrey School can pursue programs in government relations; campaigns and election administration; advocacy, law and policy; and global governance and human rights. The concentration in Politics and Governance offers courses in each area as well as guidance for internships and employment opportunities.

Core Faculty

Ryan Allen, Humphrey School and Extension
Ed Goetz, Humphrey School
Lawrence Jacobs, Humphrey School and Political Science
Kathy Quick, Humphrey School
James Ron, Humphrey School and Political Science
Joe Soss, Professor, Humphrey School and Political Science

Recommended Concentration

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisors to select 3 courses for a total of 9 credit hours that form their core concentration. The attached table provides options for students as they consider their interests and the corresponding courses, internships, and employment opportunities.
Courses listed below are not all required, but are *suggested options* within the Politics and Governance concentration. Please consult with your advisor to choose the appropriate coursework toward your degree.

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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Training to work in or with legislative or executive offices as staff, lobbyist, or strategist</td>
<td>Training to work in campaigns and in the administration of elections</td>
<td>Training to work on the international stage on issues spanning the globe</td>
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| **Courses**          | POL 5315/5315W State Governments: Laboratories of Democracy (Andy Karch)  
PA 5145 Civic Participation in Public Affairs (Kathy Quick)  
POL 5308 Congressional Politics and Institutions (Kathryn Pearson)  
PA 5990 Governing Minnesota Style | POL 3325 U.S. Campaigns and Elections *(must be taken at 5xxx level or above to qualify for use in Humphrey Degree)*  
PA 5035 Survey Research and Data Collection (Rob Daves)  
POL 5767 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (Paul Goren)  
PA 5971-5980 Various Topics on Election Administration | PA 5112 Public Budgeting (Steve Kelley, Tim Penney)  
PA 5145 Civic Participation in Public Affairs (Kathy Quick)  
PA 5251 Strategic Planning and Management  
PA 5261 Housing Policy (Ed Goetz)  
PA 5281 Immigrants, Urban Planning, and Policymaking in the U.S. (Ryan Allen)  
PA 5401 Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy (Maria Hanratty)  
PA 5421 Racial Inequality and Public Policy (Joe Soss)  
PA 5422 Diversity and Public Policy (Samuel Myers)  
PA 5512 Family Policy | See Global Public Policy Concentration |
| **Suggested/Possible Internships** | Target  
AARP Minnesota  
Members of Congress & Minnesota state legislators  
Minnesota Power (Duluth)  
Association of Metropolitan School Districts  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota | National and state campaigns  
Office of Secretary of State (MN)  
Ramsey County Elections Office (MN)  
Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services (MN) | National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (DC)  
National Partnership for Women & Families (DC)  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
Urban Institute – research (DC)  
Metropolitan Interfaith Coalition for Affordable Housing  
Department of Housing and Urban Development | U.S. State Department (DC)  
U.S. Agency for International Development (DC)  
Mission Convergence – poverty issues (New Delhi)  
United Nations, Development Programme, Water Governance, Arab States  
Population Council (Egypt) |
| **Employment opportunities** | Work on policy development and promotion as legislative or executive branch staff, or in government relations for businesses, nonprofits, and public affairs firms. | Work in election campaigns, administration of elections, and related fields. | Work with nonprofit advocacy organizations working for people with low income and communities of color on issues related to employment, housing, and hunger. | Work with U.S. government, international institutions, and non-governmental organizations |