

Sample Concentrations

Students in the Public Policy and Administration Certificate Program design their own concentration around their interests. Students may design a concentration around any area relevant to public policy and administration. Examples of concentrations that students have put together in the past are environmental policy, natural resource management, urban planning, social welfare policy, management and public policy, and corporate oversight.

The following four sample course plans are provided to help guide you as you plan your own concentration. Speak with your faculty advisor to prepare a concentration and an effective course plan to meet your particular needs.

Student A is interested in State and Local Government.

Required courses:

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| 1. PUBP&ADM 197A | Controversies in Public Policy |
| 2. ECON 103 | Introduction to Microeconomics |
| 3. STATIS 140 | Introduction to Statistics |

Elective courses:

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| 1. POLISCI 219 | State and Local Government |
| 2. POLISCI 208 | Political Parties and Elections |
| 3. ECON 311 | Money and Banking |
| 4. ECON 331 | Organization of American Industry |
| 5. UMASS 298Y | Internship: Massachusetts State House |

Student B is interested in Science, Technology and Society in Public Policy.

Required courses:

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| 1. POLSCI 280 | Public Policy |
| 2. RES EC 102 | Introduction to Resource Economics |
| 3. STATIS 140 | Introduction to Statistics |

Elective courses:

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| 4. LEGAL 275 | Interdisciplinary Legal Studies |
| 5. WOMENSST 297B | Race, Gender & Science |
| 6. RESEC 397A | Economics in Contemporary Information Technology |
| 7. MANAGMNT 365 | Business and its Environment |
| 8. COMM 497T | Advanced Issues in Information Technology and Society |

Student C is interested in Environmental Policy.

Required courses:

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| 9. POLSCI 280 | Public Policy |
| 10. RES EC 102 | Introduction to Resource Economics |
| 11. RES EC 211 | Introductory Statistics for the Life Sciences |

Elective courses:

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| 12. POLISCI 382 | Environmental Policy |
| 13. RESEC 262 | Environmental Economics |
| 14. RESEC 263 | Natural Resource Economics |
| 15. NRC 397H | Human Dimensions in Natural Resource Management |
| 16. NRC 549 | Ecosystem Management |

Student D is interested in Urban Planning.

Required courses:

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| 1. POLISCI 181 | Controversies in Public Policy |
| 2. ECON 103 | Introduction to Microeconomics |
| 3. RES EC 211 | Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences |

Elective courses:

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| 1. ART 293 | American Architecture & Urbanism |
| 2. GEO-SCI 362 | Land Use and Society |
| 3. GEO-SCI 370 | Urban Geography |
| 4. REGIONPL 577 | Urban Policies |
| 5. ENVIRDES 574 | City Planning |

Student E is interested in Social Welfare Policy.

Required courses:

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| 1. POLSCI 280 | Public Policy |
| 2. ECON 103 | Introduction to Microeconomics |
| 3. RES EC 211 | Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences |

Elective courses:

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| 1. HONORS 291S | Tools for Change |
| 2. ECON 313 | Public Finance |
| 3. ECON 348 | Political Economy of Women |
| 17. POLISCI 380 | Social Welfare Policy |
| 18. POLISCI 499E | Junior Honors Thesis |

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