

MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

Some of the most far-reaching decisions about science, technology, and enterprise are made in the public policy arena. The interdisciplinary Minor in Public Policy enables students from across the Institute to develop their understanding of public problems and how governments attempt to address them, with emphasis on the process and outcomes of policymaking.

Students benefit from increased engagement with and understanding of emerging real-world issues that affect society's greatest challenges, including energy, globalization, health care, conflict resolution, science and technology policy, and public-private collaboration.

The six-subject minor is a three-tiered program. The first tier provides foundational knowledge of public and private institutions where public policy decisions are made and implemented, as well as an introduction to the rationales for government action and the policymaking process. The second tier explores qualitative and quantitative methods of analyzing and assessing the impacts of policy change. In the third tier, students choose an in-depth, three-subject program of study in a substantive field of policymaking. All minors specialize in an area of public policy, such as science and technology policy, and take three subjects within that specialty.

Students majoring in Planning (Course 11) are not permitted to minor in Public Policy. Political Science (Course 17) majors can minor in Public Policy, but subjects being used to fulfill their major cannot be used toward the minor.

Tier I: Introduction to Markets, Politics, and Public Policy

11.002[J]	Making Public Policy	12
14.01	Principles of Microeconomics	12

Tier II: Policy Analysis

11.003[J]	Methods of Policy Analysis	12
or 14.03	Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy	

Tier III: Policy Concentration

Select three subjects in one of the following tracks: ¹ 36

Social and Educational Policy	
Energy and Environmental Policy	
Infrastructure Policy	
Science and Technology Policy	
Labor and Industrial Policy	
International Development Policy	
Security and Defense Policy	
Urban and Regional Policy	
Health Policy	

Total Units 72

¹ Students may propose their own track for approval by their minor advisor. See the Minor in Public Policy website (<http://web.mit.edu/polisci/undergraduate/minor/pp.html>) for a list of approved public policy subjects by track.

Students can obtain additional information from the Minor in Public Policy website (<http://web.mit.edu/polisci/undergraduate/minor/pp.html>); Ellen Rushman (erushman@mit.edu), undergraduate administrator in Urban Studies and Planning, Room 9-413, 617-253-9403; or Katherine Hoss (hoss@mit.edu), undergraduate administrator in Political Science, Room E53-483, 617-253-3649.