

Political Science: Certificate in Public Planning

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Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to the certificate program, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs"). In addition, applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Applicants whose GPA falls below 3.00 should submit a GRE score. Preference will be given to applicants with a score of 1000 or higher on the verbal and quantitative sections. All applicants must submit a statement of personal goals and two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic training and potential for success in graduate school to the department's coordinator of graduate studies.

Courses Applicable Toward a Specific Concurrent or Future Degree Program:

Within parameters set by the Graduate school and Department of Political Science, courses taken toward completion of the Certificate Program in Public Planning may be counted toward the master of arts degree in Political Science or other related degree programs. However, acceptance into the certificate program does not guarantee placement into a graduate program. Students in the certificate program will be required to apply separately to any graduate program.

Certificate Course/Curriculum Requirements

Total Semester Hours: 18

- [GEG 5810 - Geographic Information Systems I](#) Credits:
 - [3 GEG 5860 - Geographic Information Systems II](#) Credits:
 - [3 GEG 5820 - Remote Sensing I](#) Credits: 3
- Choose nine semester hours from the following:
- [PLS 4793 - Civic and Nonprofit Leadership](#) Credits: 3
 - [PLS 4893 - Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations](#) Credits: 3
 - [PLS 5153 - Cities, Politics and Urban Policy. \(4843\)](#) Credits: 3
 - [PLS 5543 - Proseminar in Public Administration and Policy.](#) Credits: 3
 - [PLS 5843 - Seminar in Public Policy.](#) Credits: 3

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Proposed Revisions

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PLS 5843a – Proseminar in Public Policy Research and Analysis. Credits: 3