ABOUT THE MAJOR

Policy studies combines the disciplines of government studies at all levels with leadership, nonprofit management, social science, and community development. You can also choose classes built around your specific interests, such as the environment or city government or planning, metropolitan development, or other areas.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: strategic planning, critical thinking, and leadership.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
Specific employment and salary information for policy studies graduates is difficult to pinpoint. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2010-11) employment and salaries were expected to increase by 10% at the federal level, with an 8% increase at state and local levels between 2008-2018.

Salary Information
According to the IUPUI First Destination Survey of Spring 2016 graduates, graduates from the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs had an average starting salary of $36,400.

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Policy studies majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: public administration (MPA), law, and business administration (MBA).

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

School of Environmental and Public Affairs
801 W Michigan Street
spea.iupui.edu

American Political Science Association
www.apsanet.org

SPEA Career Services
BS 3025
spea.iupui.edu/career-services

Sample Coursework:
- Nonprofit and voluntary sector
- Public management
- Political action and civic engagement
- Law and public policy
- Management science
- Policy processes in the US

Possible Careers:
- Policy analyst
- Legislative analyst
- Strategic planner
- Government relations representative
- Corporate public affairs specialist
- Researcher

Where Could I Work?
- Indiana state legislature
- Government offices
- City government
- Government agencies
- State government

Complementing Interests:

Enterprising  Social  Investigative

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