

**Contract for Area of Emphasis**  
**in**  
**Public Policy Economics**

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Student Name:	
Year of Graduation:	
Advisor:	
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The purpose of the area of emphasis (AOE) is to provide a structured program of study beyond the major to give motivated students the opportunity for in-depth work in a particular economic field. Students pursuing an area of emphasis in public policy economics develop the critical insights necessary to understand how government initiatives work, or don't work, to accomplish social goals such as environmental protection, economic development, poverty reduction, health care access, public education, and care for the elderly and the disabled. Completion of public policy area of emphasis not only promotes a lifetime of informed civic engagement and active citizenship, but it also prepares students for careers in the public sector, as well as for admission to graduate programs in public policy, economics and law.

Contracts for an AOE must be individually negotiated with the program director during the junior year of college.

**Requirements for an Area of Emphasis in Public Policy Economics**

To be awarded an area of emphasis in public policy economics, students must (1) complete the major in economics and (2) successfully complete three *additional* economic analysis courses, chosen from the list below. A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the area of emphasis.

All students pursuing an area of emphasis in public policy economics must take Econ 371: Economics of Public Policy. This course may be taken as one of the two level-III classes required of all majors, or it may be taken as one of the three additional courses required for the area of emphasis. Econ 371 cannot be used to satisfy both the requirements for the major and the requirements for the area of emphasis.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the economics major, students must take three additional courses, chosen from the list below.

**Courses Contributing to the Area of Emphasis in Public Policy Economics**

- Econ 242 Environmental Economics
- Econ 244 Business, Government and the Marketplace
- Econ 245 Health Care Economics
- Econ 249 Urban Economics
- Econ 371 Economics of Public Policy (Required)**
- Econ 385 Econometrics

Public Policy Economics Area of Emphasis Checklist

1. Econ Major Completed
  - a. Intermediate Macroeconomics (Econ 261) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 262) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Statistics (Stat 263) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Statistics (Stat 272) and Econometrics (Econ 385)<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Economic Analysis Course (II or III) \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Level II Economic Analysis Course \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Level III Economic Analysis Course \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Level III Economic Analysis Course \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Calculus I or its equivalent \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Public Policy Economics Area of Emphasis
  - a. Public Policy Economics Course 1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Public Policy Economics Course 2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Public Policy Economics Course 3 \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Economics of Public Policy (Econ 371)<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Signatures:

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> If petitioner chooses to take Stat 272 and Econ 385, and if petitioner earns a C or better in Econ 385, Econ 385 may be counted as one of the three additional economic analysis courses required for the area of emphasis.

<sup>2</sup> Econ 371 may count as one of the four analysis courses required for the major, OR as one of the three additional economic analysis courses required for the area of emphasis. It cannot be used to satisfy both the requirements for the major and the requirements for the area of emphasis.