

Contract for Area of Emphasis in
Law and Public Policy

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AREA OF EMPHASIS

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 law and public policy develop the critical insights necessary to understand how legal systems operate and 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 the law and 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 law, public policy, and economics. 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 Law and Public Policy

To be awarded an area of emphasis in law and public policy, students must (1) complete the major in economics and (2) successfully complete four additional 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 law and public policy must take Econ 240: Introduction to Law and Economics, and two economic analysis course with an applied law or policy component at the 200-level or 300-level in economics, and a law or policy focused course outside of the economics department.

Courses Contributing to the Area of Emphasis in Law and Public Policy

Required:

ECON 240: Introduction to Law and Economics

Choose two applied analysis courses:

ECON 200 - Topic courses (approved depending on the topic)

ECON 200 - Economics of Race and Gender

ECON 242 - Environmental Economics

ECON 245 – Economics of Health Care

ECON 371 - Economics of Public Policy

ECON 376 - Labor Economics and Employment Relations
ECON 378 - Comparative Analysis of Legal Systems
ECON 380 - American Economic History

Choose one law or policy focused course:

ENVST 232 - Environmental Policy and Regulation
MGMT 252 - Legal Aspects of Business
PACON 280 - Public Affairs I: Foundational Debates
PACON 281 – Foundational Debates/Contemporary Controversies
PHIL 254 - Law, Politics, and Morality
PSCI 246 - Introduction to Public Policy
PSCI 272 - American Constitutional Law
PSCI 285 - International Law
SWRK 258 - Social Policy

Signed:

Student

Date

Professor Harris

Date