



HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ABOUT THE HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Hobby School of Public Affairs is focused on putting creative, solutions-oriented public policy to work for the world through education, research, support and service. We seek students eager to develop leadership and life skills, along with training in ethics, communication and writing. Our degree programs incorporate opportunities for experiential learning, including paid internships and fellowships. Graduates of our programs will hit the ground running in their future careers, given their mastery of both the technical and humanistic aspects of public policy.

Interdisciplinary
program



Humanities



Data Science



Writing



Analytics



Leadership



Ethics

Hobby School
scholarships

for eligible students



Experiential learning
& opportunities
& internships



Center for Public Policy

Research unit dedicated to providing scientific, non-biased data and analysis to public officials, business professionals, community leaders and residents.

2 centers



Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center on Ethics and Leadership

Dedicated to all areas of ethical and leadership inquiry — including public policy, law, education, business and applied science.

HOBBY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FRESHMAN STUDENTS

The public policy major doesn't have additional requirements for freshman students.

General Freshman Admission Requirements

CLASS RANK	WITH A TEST SCORE	WITHOUT A TEST SCORE	ADMISSION TYPE
	SAT ACT	Calculated Unweighted GPA	
Top 10%	No Minimum	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 – 25%	1080 21	3.4	Assured Admission
26 – 50% or No Rank	1170 24	3.45	Assured Admission
All Others	—	—	Individual Review†

†If you don't meet the assured admissions requirements, we may consider additional factors in the admissions process. If selected for individual review, you will be asked to submit a resume and essay via your my.uh.edu self-service portal.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The public policy major doesn't have additional requirements for transfer students.

General Transfer Admission Requirements

ADMISSION TYPE	HOURS OF COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDIT	CUMULATIVE GPA
Assured Admission	15 or more**	2.5
Individual Review*	15 or more**	2.25 – 2.49

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**If you've earned less than 15 hours of college-level credit, you'll have to meet freshman admission criteria to be admitted. Only credits obtained after earning a high school credential will be counted toward the 15 hours.

HOBBY SCHOOL COURSES INCLUDE:

- Contemporary Political Philosophy and Policy
- Data Analytics and Visualization
- Game Theory for Policy Analysis
- Political Economy and Ethics of the Market Processes
- Leadership and Public Policy
- Policy Research Methods: Statistics and Regression Analysis
- State Authority and Freedom
- Policy and Global Justice

DECIDING BETWEEN BA AND BS DEGREES?

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degree curriculum is similar. The primary difference is the BA requires more foreign language-related classes and emphasis on the social sciences, while the BS requires more mathematics-related classes and more emphasis on technical skill building.

BA/BS Public Policy graduates will have a diverse set of skills for employment in all areas of the public, private and nonprofit sectors. They will benefit from the Hobby School's extensive network of contacts.

MAJOR

- Public Policy

MINOR

- Public Leadership

Possible Future Careers

- Public Relations Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Affairs Manager
- City Manager
- Finance Director
- Survey Researcher
- Statistician
- Grant Writer

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