

Political Entrepreneurship through Internships: Local to Global, Certificate

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If you want to see how policy change works firsthand, you may find a perfect fit with an internship at an organization that allows you to learn in person, in real time, how change occurs and policy is made.

Description

Requirements for the political entrepreneurship certificate program are coursework in the social sciences, humanities and business and an internship in a policy-related setting such as a government agency, a nongovernmental or nonprofit organization or a private enterprise that engages with public affairs.

The coursework prepares students to be civically engaged and to participate in policy processes, and a variety of internship opportunities exist for students whether their interests are in global, national, state or local issues.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be completed at the upper-division level. Nine credit hours must be from courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Part One: Introductory Course (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 110: American Government and Politics (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 310: American National Government (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 360: World Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

SGS 101: Thinking Globally (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

SGS 301: Principles of Global Studies (GCSI OR G) (3)

Part Two: Policy and Leadership (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 325: Public Policy Development (CIVI OR SB) (3)

POS 351: Democratization (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 361: American Foreign Policy (3)

POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SOBE OR SB) (3)

POS 410: Governing American Cities (SB) (3)

POS 426: Elements of Public Policy (SB) (3)

POS 427: Social Welfare and Health Policy (3)

POS 468: Comparative Asian Foreign Policies (SB & G) (3)

POS 486: International Political Economy (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

SGS 320: Mechanisms of Global Governance (3)

SGS 321: International Institutions and Global Governance (3)

SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights (GCSI) (3)

SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization (3)

Part Three: Internship -- 6 credit hours

Students may elect to complete only 3 hours of internship in Part Three. Students selecting this option must complete six upper-division credits in Part Four.

POS 484 / SGS 484: Internship (6)

Part Four: Related Electives -- 3 credit hours

Choose one to two courses, depending on how many internship credit hours are earned.

COM 222: Argumentation (CIVI OR L) (3)

COM 225: Public Speaking (CIVI OR L) (3)

COM 230: Small Group Communication (SOBE OR SB) (3)

COM 250: Communication and the Workplace (SOBE OR SB) (3)

COM 259: Communication in Business and the Professions (CIVI) (3)

COM 312: Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation (CIVI) (3)

ENG 301: Writing for the Professions (L) (3)

ENT 290: Entrepreneurship: Opportunity to Impact (3)

FIN 380: Personal Financial Management (3)

JUS 320: Community and Social Justice (SB & C) (3)

MGT 380: Management and Strategy (3)

NLM 160: Voluntary Action and Community Leadership (CIVI OR SB) (3)

[NLM 220: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations](#) (3)
[NLM 410: Social Entrepreneurship](#) (3)
[PAF 200: Public Service and Policy \(CIVI\)](#) (3)
[PAF 201: Economics and Public Policy \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)
[PAF 300: Public Management and Administration](#) (3)
[PAF 305: Urban Governance](#) (3)
[PAF 311: Leadership and Change \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)
[PAF 340: Contemporary Policy Challenges](#) (3)
[PAF 410: Building Leadership Skills \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)
[PAF 420: Managing Across Boundaries](#) (3)
[PAF 460: Public Service Ethics](#) (3)
[POS 494 / SGS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio I](#) (3)
[POS 494 / SGS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio II](#) (3)
[SGS 204: Professional Global Career Development](#) (3)
[SOS 111 / PUP 190: Sustainable Cities \(SUST OR \(HU or SB\) & G\)](#) (3)
[SOS 321: Policy and Governance in Sustainable Systems](#) (3)
[USL 210: Service Learning: Intro to Diverse Community Issues \(L & C\)](#) (3)
[USL 410: Service Learning: Diverse Community Issues \(L & C\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate prior to the addition of the certificate to the student record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Graduates with this certificate are prepared for careers in public policy in a variety of organizational settings, domestic and global. Some graduates focus on developing or implementing policy; others engage in issue advocacy or critical assessment of policy.

Graduates who have combined this certificate with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in government, lobbying, public affairs consulting or nonprofit organizations.

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