

LAW, GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC SERVICE MINOR

The mission of the Law, Government, and Public Service Minor is to develop critical thinking skills for understanding and analyzing the laws and structures that support government and nonprofit organizations.

This minor offers undergraduate students an early opportunity to engage with the legal and organizational systems that shape government and public service work. The curriculum is designed for students interested in law, public administration, public policy, and other related fields, preparing them for future careers in public service. The learning objectives of the minor are as follows:




- Understand the basic sources and structures of law, including constitutional, statutory, and case law.
- Learn to craft, analyze, and evaluate legal arguments.
- Apply public management theories that inform the ways that government and nonprofit organizations meet public needs.
- Analyze the impact of the institutional dynamics and interactions of public service organizations at the local, state, and national levels.
- Understand how law and government affect daily life.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC-Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
GOVT 401	State and Local Governance	3
GOVT 402	 Thinking about Law and Government	3
Select three (3) elective courses from the following list (one elective must be a GOVT course):		9
GOVT 410	 Law, Government, and Ethics: Lessons from the Lowcountry	
GOVT 411	 State Government and Children: Protector or Perpetrator	
PLCY 360	 State and Local Politics	
PLCY 375	Law and Public Policy	
POLI 201	 Politics of Bureaucracy ^H	
POLI 205	 Politics in the U.S. States ^H	
POLI 405	 Local Politics in the United States	
POLI 406	State Governments: Laboratories of Democracy	
Total Hours		15

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

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