


Doctor of Public Policy

2 Graduate Program Change 2020-21

I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Department*	School of Public Policy and Leadership
Degree/ Certificate Name*	Doctor of Public Policy
Plan Code*	PPXXXXDPP
Degree Type*	Doctor of Philosophy
Program Type*	Doctoral

II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an * after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing admission requirements?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Are you changing course requirements? Yes No

Are you changing degree completion requirements? Yes No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode? Yes No

Are you changing program learning objectives? Yes No

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes

1. Changing the degree type to Doctor of Public Policy. The correct degree type was not available for this program in Curriculog. This program was approved by the Board of Regents as a Doctor of Public Policy, not a Doctor of Philosophy.

2. Changing course names as listed on the catalog page to reflect course name changes and course additions.

*PPY 780: Capstone I - Selecting a Policy Problem

*PPY 781: Capstone II - Identifying and Framing the Issue

*PPY 782: Capstone III - Identifying Policy Alternatives

*PPY 783: Capstone IV - Selecting a Policy Alternative

*PPY 784: Capstone V - Implementation and Evaluation

3. Adding a course to the program's list of Policy Project Courses.

*PPY 785: Capstone VI - Putting it all together

Provide a rationale for each proposed change


1. This program was approved by the Board of Regents as a Doctor of Public Policy, not a Doctor of Philosophy. The program should be listed and labeled as such.

2. Course name changes were submitted for the listed capstone courses. The catalog page should be updated to reflect the updated courses.

3. The program requires a sixth course in the sequence of Policy Project courses. Therefore, we are adding a course to the listing of course requirements.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.



Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.

2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and

2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): **Add Course** and **"Import Course."** For courses already in the catalog, click on **"Import Course"** and find the courses

needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on **"Add Course"**-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.

3. Click on  **"View Curriculum Schema."** Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on **"Add Courses"** it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here*

Plan Description

This degree is a professional doctorate. It is designed for individuals interested in developing skills in policymaking and policy implementation at all levels of government. Completion of this degree will prepare students to conduct policy analysis, advocate for public policies and community-based solutions, or serve in decision-making positions. Its focus is to integrate what is known about the policy process into a set of skills and abilities so individuals can be competent actors in the policy arena. Course delivery is very structured with courses offered in a very specific sequence on Fridays and Saturdays over five semesters. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. All applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Students may only begin the program in Fall. Only DPP courses taken in sequence at UNLV will be considered for transfer credit. Students must have at least a Masters degree. Students should have at least five years of professional work related experience. An essay explaining student's interest in the degree and how they believe the degree will aid in their professional development. In addition, the letter must articulate a policy area that the student has a substantive interest in studying. The letter must accompany the application. (An interview will be required before a final admissions decision is made). At least one graduate-level research and/or statistics course (if the student has not had a course in either of these two areas, they may be required to do so before final admissions). Interview. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 51

Course Requirements

Core Courses - Credits: 39

PPY 700: Framework for Understanding Public Policy and Agenda Setting PPY 701: The Basics for Developing Policy Alternatives
 PPY 703: Decision-making in government PPY 704: Models of Policy Implementation
 PPY 705: Evaluation: Closing the Loop PPY 710: Problem Identification and Agendas
 PPY 712: Sources of Policy Alternatives PPY 713: Legislative Decision-making
 PPY 714: Necessary Conditions for Policy Implementation PPY 715: Building a Community of Policy Actors
 PPY 716: Designing the Appropriate Evaluation System
 PPY 720: Using Data to Define a Problem PPY 722: Criteria Used to Evaluate Alternatives
 PPY 723: Legislative Requirements: Fiscal Notes
 PPY 724: Performance Measures and Benchmarks PPY 725: Tracking Policy into Action
 PPY 730: Framing Public Policy Issues PPY 731: The Fundamentals of Writing Policy Briefs
 PPY 733: Building a Persuasive Argument PPY 734: Writing Clear Goals and Objectives
 PPY 735: Translating Results into Performance PPY 736: Telling the Policy Story

Policy Project Courses - Credits: 12

Complete the following capstone courses (Note: PPY 785 is a repeatable course up to 12 hours):

PPY 780 Capstone I: Selecting a Policy Problem
PPY 781 Capstone II: Identifying and Framing the Issue
PPY 782 Capstone III: Identifying Policy Alternatives
PPY 783 Capstone IV: Selecting Policy Alternatives
PPY 784 Capstone V: Implementation and Evaluation
PPY 785 Capstone VI: Putting it all Together

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Degree Requirements

Students will complete a 12 credit policy proposal project. The final product will be a paper and presentation that will be evaluated as outlined below: The project will be completed in phases completed in 12 credits of coursework (see degree requirements above). Each phase requires a written paper that demonstrates competency in a specific objective. For example, the first phase requires a student to identify a problem and to frame the issue using both a narrative and data. Faculty will evaluate each phase and use the evaluations as an assessment tool. In the last semester, students will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with policy experts and members of Congress (staff) to present their policy analysis proposal. Those presentations will be evaluated by a committee of both faculty and policy experts in Washington, D.C. with the presentations serving as a major means of assessing learning outcomes.

Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email GradCurriculum@unlv.edu.

Degrees Directory Program Entry* Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

Changes will be applicable to*

Current Students

New Students

Both Current and New Students


If applicable to current students, changes are

Mandatory Optional

Effective Date*

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.

6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

III. Department Vote Information


Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.

2. Fill in vote information.

3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

Date faculty voted on proposal 9/6/19

Result of vote 14/0/0

Manner of vote In person

IV. Unit Vote Information


Note: This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.

2. Fill in vote information.

3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

Date faculty voted on proposal 10-10-19	Result of vote 5-0
Manner of vote Online	

V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)

Program Alerts (E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)	
PS Processing Notes	
PS Processing Date	Initials
Aalog Processing Notes	
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