

# Policy Analysis (Certificate)

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Public Policy — the actions of government and its partners in the nonprofit and private sectors — is the keystone of politics and public administration. The creation, adoption and implementation of public policy is a complex process that requires skills in analysis, reasoning and argumentation — what we call evidence-based policy advocacy. Make the most of your skills by gaining tools to advocate for realistic, effective and responsible public policy.

## More Information

Policy Analysis Program Website (<https://spia.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/policy-analysis-certificate/>)

## Application Information

- Current NC State Graduate Students only need to fill out the "Graduate Student Certificate Plan Data Entry" (<https://spia.chass.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/03/grad-cert-plan-data-entry.pdf>) form and submit it to the Policy Analysis Program Coordinator, Dr. Jeff Diebold at [jcdiebol@ncsu.edu](mailto:jcdiebol@ncsu.edu) to apply to add the certificate program. Applicants must be currently enrolled and in good standing.
- Certificate-Only Students (non-degree or non-NC State graduate students) will fill out an application through the Graduate School (<https://applygrad.ncsu.edu/apply/>).

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree with at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last two years (last 60 credits) of undergraduate study and will submit transcripts as part of their application.

## Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

## Application Deadlines

The certificate program enrolls year-round (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) provided courses are available. Applications will be reviewed after the deadline.

- **Fall:** May 1
- **Spring and Summer:** December 1

## Plan Requirements

| Code                              | Title                     | Hours     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>           |                           | <b>15</b> |
| PA 507                            | The Public Policy Process |           |
| PA 509                            | Applied Political Economy |           |
| PA 511                            | Public Policy Analysis    |           |
| Select two electives <sup>1</sup> |                           |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                |                           | <b>15</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Policy courses from any program - approved by coordinator

## Faculty

### Full Professors

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