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

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.

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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

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†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

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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.