

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Undergraduate Advising Center

How do I declare a minor?

To declare a minor, visit the Advising Center, located on the fourth floor (Room 4108) of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs. Staff will help you complete the process.

Office Hours and Appointments

Mondays - Fridays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

You need an appointment to:

- Meet with an advisor to discuss course options
- Apply for reinstatement to the university

No appointment is necessary to:

- Drop off paperwork (VA forms, prerequisite waivers, financial aid appeals, petitions). Please note that we need 24-48 hours to process these forms for pickup
- Declare a major/minor (unless you wish to speak to an advisor)
- Obtain a copy of your worksheet (Bring a picture ID to pick up any documentation)

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Brookings Public Policy Minor



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Brookings Mountain West

Brookings Mountain West (<http://brookingsmtwest.unlv.edu/about/>) is a partnership between UNLV and the non partisan Washington, D.C.-based Brookings Institution. This collaboration brings Brookings' high-quality, independent, and impactful research to the issues facing the dynamic and fast-growing Intermountain West region. Offices are located on the second floor of Greenspun Hall (Room 2104).

Brookings Public Policy Minor

- **GOAL:** *To provide UNLV undergraduate students with a unique educational experience, the opportunity to explore the world around them through a series of courses taught by UNLV faculty and scholars from the Brookings Institution.*
- Students who complete an approved sequence of courses and meet the academic requirements will obtain a “Brookings Minor in Public Policy.”
- In UNLV-Brookings courses students will:
 - ✓ Learn about real people in real places
 - ✓ Link societies by their connections and commonalities as much as by their differences
 - ✓ Integrate general issues of globalization, past and present, into the study of specific people and places in the world
 - ✓ Include cross-disciplinary approaches to break down conventional academic barriers
 - ✓ Emphasize experiential as well as classroom learning
 - ✓ Foster research and information literacy through coordinated lectures, readings, and assignments

UNLV Press Release

“New UNLV Brookings Minor in Public Policy Links Students To Nation's Premier Think Tank,” December 6, 2011
<http://news.unlv.edu/release/new-unlv-brookings-minor-public-policy-links-students-nations-premier-think-tank>

Current and Planned Courses

Courses offered within the Brookings Public Policy Minor all include lectures from visiting Brookings scholars. Not all courses are offered each semester.

GSC 101

Brookings: Introduction to Public Policy

This introductory course on public policy and the role of think tanks in government and our society highlights global and national public policy issues of concern to Brookings' five major research programs: governance studies, economic studies, foreign policy, global economy and development, and metropolitan policy.

PSC 4010

U.S. Elections and Governance

Elections are the primary means through which public opinion is infused into the political system through the selection of the electorate's preferred candidates. Governance is the process whereby policy goals (e.g., economic security, social welfare, or energy independence) are developed, refined, and implemented. This class investigates the causes and consequences of the growing chasm between contemporary electoral politics and the capacity for governance in the United States, and evaluates potential reforms that would improve these processes.

ECON 312

Global Economy and Development

This course examines diverse international economic conditions and paths of development. Students will study and analyze policies fostering economic development, integration, and sustainable financial relations in the global economy.

ECON 313

Economics of Public Policy

Course addresses the role of government, which services should be provided by the government, and how these services should be financed. Topics include: externalities; the nature of public goods; the incidence of taxes; and issues associated with tax equity. Students will be asked to conduct analyses of a variety of public-policy issues, such as the environment, health care, energy, regulation of industry, education, as well as issues related to the federal debt and tax policy.

PSC 405z

New Issues in Foreign Policy

This course focuses on international politics and foreign policy. The course explores such concepts as revolution, economic and policy development, and nationalism. Students will gain knowledge of the theories, elements, and institutions of international political, security and economic relations and how these relate to current events and trends in international relations.

GSC 440

Issues in Metropolitan Policy (In Development)

This course focuses on urban development and regional growth issues. The course explores issues including employment, demographics, regional economic development, immigration, sustainability, manufacturing, exports, and other topics critical to metropolitan areas. Students will gain knowledge of the theories, elements, and institutions of metropolitan politics and economic relations and how these relate to current events and trends.

Capstone Course

Course Offered within Student's Major

Students will work under the supervision of a UNLV faculty member and Brookings scholar to complete a research paper based on the format of a Brookings Policy Brief. Selected papers may be published by the Brookings Institution.

The Brookings Public Policy Minor(18 credits) includes three credits of introductory level survey course, “Think Tank 101,” 12 credits (a selection of four courses from the five 400-level course offered,(students must achieve a grade level of 3.0 or above for each of the courses), and three credits of a capstone course within the student's college. Capstone course requirements include a research paper of roughly 3,000 words written under the supervision of a UNLV faculty member and one of the Brookings Scholars engaged in this program. Selected student papers may be published by the Brookings Institution.