

THE BROOKINGS PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

The Brookings Public Policy Minor at UNLV is a unique educational experience that offers a multidisciplinary curriculum based upon local, national, and global themes. Courses in the minor unite the best teaching and scholarship from UNLV faculty with national experts and scholars from the Brookings Institution. Through Brookings Mountain West, this collaboration draws upon the diverse faculty and programmatic interests of UNLV to link knowledge, academic inquiry, and practice with the outstanding policy programs of the Brookings Institution.

In Brookings Public Policy Minor 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*

The Brookings Public Policy Minor is an 18-credit program which requires completion of URST 101: Brookings: Introduction to Public Policy, and a pre-approved independent study course supervised by a UNLV faculty member. Additionally, students are required to complete 4 upper division courses from a pre-approved list (see below) to fulfill the minor. Students must earn an average of B or better in all courses used to fulfill the requirements of the Brookings public policy minor, while also maintaining a 3.0 GPA overall.

DEGREE OUTLINE

Course Prefix	Course Name	Credits	Semester Offered
URST 101*	Brookings, Introduction to Public Policy	3	Spring
PSC 401O	U.S. Elections & Governance	3	Spring
PSC 405W	New Issues in Foreign Policy	3	Fall
ECON 312	Global Economy & Development	3	Fall
ECON 313	Economics of Public Policy	3	Spring
JOUR 484	Mass Media & Political Communication	3	Fall
URST 442	Brookings, Metropolitan Policy	3	Fall
Determined by Student*	Independent Study**	3	Determined by Student

*Course required. Students select from 4 of the remaining 6 courses to complete the 18-credit program.

**Students complete the minor with a culminating project, fulfilled through enrollment and completion of an independent study course, which results in a detailed policy analysis. Students will work under the supervision of a UNLV faculty member to complete their paper based on the format of a Brookings policy brief. Select policy briefs produced from the Brookings Public Policy Minor Culminating Project may be published by the Brookings Institution and/or Brookings Mountain West.

Courses offered within the Brookings Public Policy Minor are co-taught, in-person by Brookings scholars and UNLV faculty. Please note that not all courses are offered each semester. Meet with Brookings Mountain West staff to learn more about future semester course offerings.

HOW TO BECOME A BROOKINGS PUBLIC POLICY MINOR STUDENT

- To declare the minor, schedule an appointment with the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center, or send an email to urbanaffairs@unlv.edu
- Meet with Brookings Mountain West staff to discuss your plans to complete the minor; email william.brown@unlv.edu & caitlin.saladino@unlv.edu to schedule an appointment.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE BROOKINGS PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

- Meet with your academic advisor, and with Brookings Mountain West staff to determine completion of required coursework for the minor
- Identify a UNLV faculty member to supervise your Culminating Project
- Develop Culminating Project proposal with selected UNLV faculty member, and gain approval from Brookings Mountain West staff
- Enroll in pre-approved 3 credit independent study course, instructed by the faculty member supervising your Culminating Project
- Complete Culminating Project and submit to DigitalScholarship@UNLV; email Brookings Mountain West staff for more details



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