

CERTIFICATE IN POLICY STUDIES

In addition to offering a Ph.D. in Policy Studies, Clemson's policy studies program also permits students pursuing other graduate degrees at Clemson the option of adding a policy focus to their curricula. The certificate program generally takes one year and consists of 12 credits (4 courses). Students seeking a Certificate in Policy Studies will complete the following courses:

Choose One Course

PO SC 860: American Government (3 credits)

ECON 823: Microeconomics for Public Policy (3 credits)

Choose Two Courses

PO ST 810: Political Economy for Public Policy (3 credits)

AP EC 822: Contemporary Public Policy (3 credits)

PO ST 822: Policy Analysis and Political Choice (3 credits)

PO ST 842: Ethics and Public Policy (3 credits)

Choose One Course

Choose a policy course (3 credits) in one of the program's four policy concentration areas (agricultural policy, environmental and natural resource policy, rural and economic development policy, and science and technology policy) or a policy course in the student's degree program.

Admission Requirements

For admission to the Certificate in Policy Studies Program, submit the following to the chair of the Policy Studies Program:

1. A letter of application, including a statement of interest in policy studies;
2. A letter of recommendation from the student's graduate program chair or coordinator and one additional letter from one of the student's major professors (a graduate program professor who has taught the student).

Before the Certificate in Policy Studies is awarded, a student must submit to the chair of the Policy Studies Program a GS-2 form (program of study) showing the coursework for their graduate degree program and the certificate program.