

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Student Learning Outcomes for the School of Public Policy

Students completing the B.A. major will be able to:

1. understand which constituencies are responsible for making public policies at the federal, state and local levels, how policies are made (including the influence of special-interest groups and civil society on policy formulation), and how they are implemented
2. critically analyze which combination of public interventions and actions would most effectively address different societal problems
3. critically assess the intended and unintended effects of different policies
4. develop an original argument in writing and be able to present it in public
5. demonstrate knowledge of two policy areas (e.g., health policy, environmental policy, education policy, etc.)
6. develop interdisciplinary approaches to the study of complex problems
7. understand of how classroom work relates to issues addressed in a variety of professions, organizations and agencies

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