

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS & PUBLIC SERVICE

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The program in nonprofit organizations and public service is designed to help students build knowledge about the important role of nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and volunteerism in generating policy responses to significant social problems, and to combine classroom and experiential learning to better prepare students to make effective contributions to their communities.

A **minor in nonprofit organizations and public service** consists of:

Issues* (3 courses from at least 2 different disciplines, e.g., ANTH, ECO)

_____ ANTH 250 Immigration Policy and the Immigrant Experience

_____ ANTH 263 Whose Amazon?

_____ ANTH 365 Race and Ethnic Relations

_____ ECO 214 Development Economics

_____ ECO 242 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics

_____ ECO 280 Health Economics

_____ EDUC 115 American Education: A Changing Landscape

_____ ENVS 135 Fundamentals of Environmental Studies

_____ HIST 261 Women in America

_____ HIST 282 The Quest for Civil Rights, 1945 to Present

_____ HIST 327 Latin American Social Revolutions

_____ PHIL 205 Ethics

_____ PSCI 417 Public Policy

_____ PSY 222 Environmental Psychology

_____ PSY 255 Health Psychology

_____ PSY 265 Psychology of Human Sexuality

_____ PSY 330 Educational Psychology

_____ PSY 340 Cultural Psychology

_____ PSY 410 Stigma and Prejudice

_____ SOC 385 Social Movements

* Other courses may be appropriate and relevant to students' specific interest and may be included with director's approval.

Skills (3 courses from at least 2 disciplines, e.g., BA, LEAD)

_____ ACCT 261 Financial Accounting

_____ ACCT 371 Non-Profit Accounting

_____ BA 250 Social Enterprise

_____ BA 250 Corporate Social Responsibility

_____ BA 355 Marketing

_____ ECO 371 Econometrics

_____ LEAD 120 Introduction to Leadership

_____ LEAD 240 Studies in Leadership

_____ LEAD 250/350 Special Topics in Leadership

_____ MATH 120 Elementary Statistics

_____ PHIL 110 Modern Logic

_____ PSCI 270 Research Methods

_____ PSCI 271 Quantitative Methods

_____ PSY 341 Interpersonal relationships

_____ SOC 270 Research Methods

_____ COMM 112 Public Speaking

_____ COMM 222 Interpersonal Communication

_____ COMM 352 Organizational Communication

_____ SSCI 120 Social Science Statistics

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_____ **Internship Requirement – seek pre-approval from director**

Other Considerations When Planning for the Minor:

- The minor degree plan is designed with careful attention to the individual student's particular academic and career interests.
- Disciplinary courses approved for the Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service minor are listed collectively in the course schedule each term in WebHopper using the search category NPOP.

Total Credits Requirement = 6 course credits

COURSES

NPOPS 260 Intermediate Directed Study in Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service

Student investigation of topic of interest working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Freshman January term or Sophomore standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

NPOPS 290 SEPA Grant-Writing Internship

The Social Entrepreneurship for Poverty Alleviation (SEPA) grant writing program forms a partnership between Austin College and the surrounding region. Each participating student is paired with a local nonprofit agency and spends the summer writing grants for these agencies. In the process, agencies gain valuable resources and students gain important experiences and skills. PREQ: Instructor permission required.

NPOPS 460 Advanced Directed Study in Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service

Student investigation of topic of interest related to the major or minor working in collaboration with a faculty member resulting in significant oral and written work. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered for variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.

NPOPS 490 Independent Study in Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service

Student-driven independent work to produce a high quality body of work such as paper, report, art project, etc. See On-Campus Learning Opportunities for more information. PREQ: Junior or Senior standing. Special permission required. Offered in variable course credit from 0.25-1.00.