Undergraduate Programs

› Bachelor of Arts in Public Management, Leadership, and Policy

› Bachelor of Science in Public Policy Analysis

› Combined undergraduate and graduate degree

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Everyone has a cause they are passionate about

With so many important issues challenging the world today, sometimes the most difficult step is deciding where to start. Pursuing an undergraduate degree from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs is the way to launch a lifetime of making positive change in the world. Whether you see yourself tackling homelessness in your community, taming the growing national debt, or creating educational opportunities for impoverished women around the globe, the Glenn College’s degree programs will prepare you with the skills, knowledge and experiences to get things done.
The Bachelor of Arts in Public Management, Leadership, and Policy is designed to develop your skills in the areas of public management and policy, while providing foundational training in economics and public finance. If you see yourself in a leadership role in a government agency, nonprofit organization, or community outreach group, the BA is the degree for you.

Focused coursework in:
- Public Management
- Civic Engagement
- Government
- Budgeting
- Economics
- Public Policy Analysis

Potential careers:
- City Manager
- Nonprofit Executive Director
- Government Relations Executive
- Lobbyist
- State or Federal Agency Administrator

Our newest degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Public Policy Analysis, provides you with extensive training in policy analysis, public finance, and economics while integrating concepts of public leadership and civic engagement. If you want to use data to solve problems and help shape the world, the BS is the degree for you.

Focused coursework in:
- Public Policy Analysis
- Public Finance
- Economics
- Data Analysis
- Program Evaluation
- Civic Engagement

Potential careers:
- Policy Advisor
- Budget Director
- Research Director
- Nonprofit Chief Financial Officer
Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs offers a combined program that allows students to complete a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Public Administration degree in five years, overlapping several courses. Combined program students earn an undergraduate degree upon completion of BA/BS requirements in year four, and are awarded an MPA upon completion of graduation requirements in year five. This rigorous program allows high-ability students to earn two degrees in less time for less money.

YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 5

Undergraduate Coursework

Combined Coursework

Graduate Coursework

Specialization Areas

Both the BA and the BS degrees allow you to turn your passion into policy through the completion of specialization tracks, minors, or combined degree programs. These options give you the flexibility to focus your degree on a specific policy topic of interest to you. Examples include:

- Education Policy
- Nonprofit Management
- Urban Policy and Management
- Community Organization and Civic Engagement
- Public Management
- Environmental Policy
- Lobbying and Government Relations
- Health Policy
- Food and Agriculture Policy
- International Policy
96% of our recent graduates are employed or are in graduate school.

- 25% Private Sector
- 25% Nonprofit Sector
- 25% Obtaining further education
- 5% Local Government
- 2% Federal Government
- 5% State Government
- 2% Local Government
In my work, it’s important for me to understand the way that politics and policy interact and how to implement policy once it does become law. From the thorough coursework in a variety of public sector topics to mentorship from experts in the field, the Glenn College gave me the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of public policy and administration that I draw from every day. I couldn’t have made a better choice for my undergraduate education than choosing to attend the Glenn College.”

Andy Krupin, BA ’16
Budget Analyst, State of Illinois

You can’t do this just anywhere
The Glenn College is one of only a handful of public affairs programs nationwide to offer undergraduate majors. What separates the students at the Glenn College from everyone else? Our graduates have the tools to make their passion their life’s work. How would you make your world a better place? We’ll teach you how to turn your passion into policy. Helping you make a change in the issues that matter to you drives the Glenn College experience.

Attending the John Glenn College of Public Affairs was the best decision of my life. The professors, all experts in their respective fields, are deeply committed to the success of their students. Every professor is approachable, kind and interested in developing lifelong mentorship relationships. The small class sizes foster a strong community that is unique to the Glenn College. Every time I walked into the Glenn College, it felt like home. The academic and career advising is the absolute best. Because of my advisors, I was able to confidently interview for campus leadership positions, internships and law school.

Senator Glenn’s spirit and legacy lives in Page Hall where you will find passionate students, professors committed to making change, and a leadership serving the community.”

Halie Vilagi, BA ’17
Student, Georgetown Law School

We’re more than a major
Being part of the Glenn College is more than just academics; you are part of a family of individuals committed to making a positive change in the world. Our events and student programs are designed to inspire citizenship and develop leadership. As an Ohio State student, you have the opportunity to participate in dynamic internship programs, join the award-winning John Glenn Civic Leadership Council, and attend Glenn College sponsored events and conferences.

The Glenn College is committed to nurturing a diverse and inclusive environment for our students, faculty, staff, and guests that celebrates the fundamental value and dignity of everyone by recognizing differences and supporting individuality. We are dedicated to creating a safe space and promoting civil discourse that acknowledges and embraces diverse perspectives on issues and challenges that affect our community.
The Civic Engagement Minor allows students to examine how a person can become an engaged, active member of their community and participate in a democratic society. Students take classes focusing on political and community engagement, plus an experiential learning requirement which can be fulfilled through an internship or service learning course.

The Nonprofit Management minor introduces students to the unique opportunities and challenges of the nonprofit world. Students will take courses from multiple departments on campus and can pursue an internship with a nonprofit organization in order to gain a better understanding of the role nonprofits play in serving the public.

Public policy refers to the actions taken by government to solve public problems, and their resulting impacts. This minor introduces students to the study of public policy, policy analysis, and the policy-making process. Students in the minor study ideas from multiple disciplines and explore issues impacting today’s world.

The Science and Engineering in the Public Interest minor introduces students to the relationship between government and the science, engineering and innovation industry. The minor explores issues including national security, healthcare, transportation, energy and the environment.
John Glenn Civic Leadership Community
The John Glenn Civic Leadership Community is a living-learning program sponsored by the Glenn College and Office of University Housing. Students with an interest in public affairs and policy live together on the same residence hall floor and participate in leadership and community service programs throughout the year, including a trip to Washington, D.C.

Public Affairs Multicultural Student Organization
The Public Affairs Multicultural Student Organization is a group that brings together students of all ages, races, genders, religions, disabilities, and backgrounds to create a welcoming community that enables and encourages collaboration among peers on topics related to diversity and inclusion.

John Glenn Civic Leadership Council
The John Glenn Civic Leadership Council is the Glenn College’s undergraduate student organization. Focused on four distinct pillars: policy, academics, service, and community, the CLC provides an enriching environment to encourage active citizenship on campus and in the community.

Washington Academic Internship Program
The John Glenn College of Public Affairs offers an exciting opportunity for Ohio State students to study and work in the nation’s capital. The Washington Academic Internship Program selects outstanding undergraduates to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. Students work in internships that reflect their particular areas of policy interest and earn academic credit for their participation.

Ohio Government Internship Program
The John Glenn College of Public Affairs’ Ohio Government Internship Program (OGIP) gives undergraduate students from any major the opportunity to grow as policy professionals during their college career. All OGIP student internships are public service related, with a focus on state and local agencies, the Ohio legislature and political parties.
FACTS & STATS ABOUT THE JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Best in Ohio
The Glenn College is ranked #1 in Ohio and 14th nationally among 272 Public Affairs schools by the U.S. News & World Report.

Academics
The Glenn College offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science undergraduate degrees, four undergraduate minors, three masters degrees, 10 dual or joint graduate degrees as well as a doctoral degree.

Students & Faculty
The Glenn College is home to more than 600 students, 27 core faculty, 10 affiliated faculty and 33 staff members.

Centers
The Glenn College houses two research centers: the Battelle Center for Science and Technology Policy and the Ohio Education Research Center.

Moon Rock
We are the only public affairs college to have a moon rock in our building.

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