

Public Policy Thesis Application 2020-2021

Name:	E-mail:
Banner ID:	Graduation Date:
Policy Specialization:	

1. Coursework Core Classes

Name of Course	Course #	Completed Y or N	Semester	Grade
Intro to PP	PLCY0100			
Ethics	PLCY1400			
Economics	PLCY1600, ECON1110/1130 or EDUC1130			
Statistics	POLS1600, EDUC1110, ECON1620 or SOC1100			
Program Evaluation	PLCY1200			

2. Please list policy electives you have completed:

Name of Course	Semester Taken	Broad or Specialization	Grade

3. Please list any courses outside of the concentration related to your thesis topic:

Name of Course	Semester Taken	Instructor & Department	Grade

4. Please list any internships or work experience related to your research topic.

Name of Organization:	Dates:	Description of responsibilities:

5. Please list two Brown Faculty References (they can be the same as your thesis readers)

Name:	Department:

6. Please obtain signatures from two faculty advisors who agree to be first and second reader for your thesis.

Name	Department	Signature & Date

7. Initial Thesis Prospectus

Under a separate cover please write an initial thesis prospectus of 1000-1500 words. This prospectus should include:

1. Tentative Thesis Title
2. Description of how you became interested in the policy area you have chosen and why it is important to you.
3. Specification of the most important question or questions you hope your thesis will help to answer or better understand (e.g. What policy question are you hoping to help answer, or what policy outcome are you hoping to help explain?)

4. Discussion of why these policy questions or outcomes are important, and to the best of your current knowledge what the existing literature on the subject says about them.
5. Description of the methods (research design) you expect to use to investigate your topic and to answer the questions you have defined. If you expect your research design to depend heavily on quantitative analysis describe what you know about the availability of the requisite data sets. If you expect your research design will depend heavily on qualitative methods describe the type of fieldwork you expect to do, and when you expect to do it.
6. A discussion of your current suppositions (hypotheses) about the forces, factors, or processes that best answer the policy question or questions you are asking or the outcomes you are hoping to explain.
7. Please submit a writing sample (ex, a seminar paper) that illustrates your best analytic work.

Please submit all application materials to Tony Levitas at Anthony_Levitas@Brown.edu and Melissa Nicholaus at Melissa_Nicholaus@brown.edu