CAREER PATH
PUBLIC POLICY & SOCIAL CHANGE

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Using the Psychology Major to prepare for careers in law, public policy, and community organization.

WHY PSYCH?

What is the benefit of the Psychology Major?

The psychology major at Tennessee State University provides students with a solid foundation in a range of skills important for professional success in a variety of settings. These include: research and data analysis, critical thinking, oral communication, writing, and an introduction to the basic principles that underlie human behavior.

The psychology major also provides students with the opportunity to apply for law school or graduate school in other areas (see back section), while still preparing them for a variety of rewarding careers with their bachelor's degree.

PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES

PSYC 4210 Sensation & Perception

PSYC 3510 Principles of Learning

PSYC 4310 Human Learning & Cognitive Processes

PSYC 3410 Social Psychology

PSYC 3230 Psychology of the Black Experience

PSYC 3530 Death and Dying

PSYC 4360 Field Placement

Study Abroad (see Dr. Shelton)

CAREER PREP COURSES

POLI 1010 Introduction to Political Science No listed prerequisites

POLI 2010 American National Government No listed prerequisites

POLI 2220 State and Local Government No listed prerequisites.

POLI 3150 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior No listed prerequisites.

URBS 3910 Urban Politics No listed prerequisites

POLI 4200 Legislative Process No prerequisite listed.

POLI 4300 Introduction to American Law No prerequisite listed. (Cont.)

POTENTIAL INTERNSHIPS/EMPLOYERS

Public Defender for Nashville
DawnDeaner@jis.nashville.org

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center
nashvilleconflict.org

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
https.tnimmigrant.org

Legislative Internship Program - TN General Assembly
www.capitol.tn.gov/Intern/index.html

Nashville Organized for Action & Hope (NOAH)
www.noahtn.org

Tennessee Equality Project
tnep.nationbuilder.com

CAREER PREP COURSES CONT.

POLI 4340 Legal Research and Writing No prerequisite listed.

POLI 4920 Black Politics No prerequisites listed.

URBS 3030 Urban Policy and Issues No listed prerequisites.

URBS 3000 Community Leadership and Public Service No listed prerequisites.

POLI 4400 Introduction to Public Administration No listed prerequisites.

SOCI 3550 Social Movements No prerequisites listed.

AGSC 4090 Community Development No prerequisites listed.

NPMN 3100 Volunteer Management and Board Development Prerequisite: NPMN 2100

NPMN 3500 Fundraising and Grant Writing Prerequisite: NPMN 2100

NPMN 4500 Marketing and Community Awareness Prerequisite: NPMN 2100

COMM 2300 Business and Professional Speech Communication No listed prerequisites.

CAREERS & GRADUATE STUDIES

The Psychology Major coupled with studies in political science prepares students well for l**aw school** and a career as a lawyer.

Psychology majors interested in working in government may consider completing coursework in political science, sociology, and urban studies and pursuing a **Master's degree in Public Policy or Public Administration**.

Psychology majors with an interest in health and social justice may consider pursuing a **Master's degree in Public Health**. A career in Public Health offers opportunities to work locally or globally in specialties including using social and behavioral sciences to address problems including maternal and child health, obesity and nutrition, epidemiology, and human rights.

MINORS TO CONSIDER

- **Political Science**
- **International Affairs**
- **Africana Studies**
- **Women's Studies**
- **Non-Profit Management & Leadership**

See the TSU Undergraduate Catalog and contact the chair of the department in which the minor is offered, for more information.