

PPPM Undergraduate Fields of Interest

School of Planning, Public Policy and Management • University of Oregon

Field of Interest 1

Arts and Culture

Students interested in Arts and Culture explore the social, civic, and economic roles that creative expression plays in communities. Courses in this field examine arts organizations and their management, the relationship between cultural policy and public life, the design of cultural programs and events, and the use of creative practice — from placemaking to performing arts — as a tool for community engagement and identity.

- **PPPM 399:** Social Prescribing
- **PPPM 410:** Arts Management
- **PPPM 410:** Museum Practice
- **PPPM 410:** Museum Education
- **PPPM 470:** Arts in Society
- **PPPM 471:** Cultural Policy
- **PPPM 472:** Creative Placemaking

Field of Interest 2

Community Planning and Policy

Students interested in Community Planning examine how planners and residents work together to shape the places where people live, work, and move. Courses in this field address land use and transportation, housing and neighborhood revitalization, inclusive urban design, socioeconomic development, and the use of data and spatial tools to understand and improve communities, with a consistent emphasis on equity and meaningful public engagement.

- **PPPM 321:** Inclusive Urbanism
- **PPPM 337:** Urban Transportation
- **PPPM 399:** Housing Crisis
- **PPPM 399:** Justice and Urban Revitalization
- **PPPM 440:** Land Use Policy & Planning
- **PPPM 445:** Green Cities
- **PPPM 407:** Solving Homelessness
- **PPPM 408:** Environmental Impact Assessment
- **PPPM 410:** Affordable Housing
- **PPPM 438:** Bicycle Transportation
- **PPPM 439:** Transportation Policy
- **PPPM 441:** Planning for Growth and Housing
- **PPPM 442:** Sustainable Urban Planning and Development
- **PPPM 446:** Socioeconomic Development Planning
- **PPPM 447:** Development Process
- **PPPM 472:** Creative Placemaking
- **PPPM 495:** Advanced Urban GIS

Field of Interest 3

Environment and Development

Students interested in Environment and Development examine the relationship between human societies and the natural and built systems that sustain them, at scales ranging from local communities to the global stage. Courses in this field address environmental management and regulation, climate change, sustainable development, natural resource governance, public health, environmental justice, and the social and economic dimensions of inequality.

- **PPPM 331:** Environmental Management
- **PPPM 337:** Urban Transportation
- **PPPM 340:** Climate Change Policy
- **PPPM 360:** International Public Policy
- **PPPM 370:** Global Sustainable Development Policy
- **PPPM 407:** Environmental Justice
- **PPPM 407:** Inequality Policy Solutions
- **PPPM 407:** Hazard Mitigation
- **PPPM 408:** Environmental Impact Assessment
- **PPPM 430:** Public Health Policy
- **PPPM 442:** Sustainable Urban Planning and Development
- **PPPM 443:** Natural Resource Policy
- **PPPM 444:** Environmental Policy
- **PPPM 445:** Green Cities
- **PPPM 446:** Socioeconomic Development Planning
- **PPPM 447:** Development Process
- **PPPM 460:** Health Policy

Field of Interest 4

Public and Nonprofit Management

Students interested in Public and Nonprofit Management develop the skills, knowledge, and dispositions needed to manage public sector and nonprofit organizations. Courses in this field address the policy process, public law, civic advocacy, budget and financial administration, program evaluation, and the organizational dynamics of public and nonprofit institutions — preparing students to navigate and shape public life at local, state, and national levels.

- **PPPM 407:** International NGO Management
- **PPPM 407:** Public Sector Leadership
- **PPPM 410:** AI in the Public Sector
- **PPPM 410:** Nonprofit Leadership
- **PPPM 410:** Local Government
- **PPPM 418:** Introduction to Public Law
- **PPPM 425:** Project Management
- **PPPM 426:** Strategic Planning
- **PPPM 429:** Public Budget Administration
- **PPPM 449:** Public Management
- **PPPM 457:** Nonprofit and Government Communications
- **PPPM 465:** Program Evaluation
- **PPPM 480:** Nonprofit Management
- **PPPM 481:** Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations
- **PPPM 483:** Volunteer Resource Management
- **PPPM 484:** Public and Nonprofit Financial Management
- **PPPM 486:** Philanthropy and Grantmaking
- **PPPM 488:** Nonprofit Legal Issues

Courses Applicable to All Fields of Interest

The following courses help students develop skills that apply across all Fields of Interest listed above, such as collaboration, communication, leadership, and research methods.

- **PPPM 325:** Community Leadership and Change
- **PPPM 356:** Visual Design for Applied Practice
- **PPPM 404:** Internship and Internship Nonprofit
- **PPPM 412:** Internship and Professional Development
- **PPPM 466:** Policy Lab: Local Solutions Studio (formerly, PPPM 410: Real World Lane County)
- **PPPM 407:** Public Sector Leadership
- **PPPM 410:** Nonprofit Leadership
- **PPPM 410:** AI in the Public Sector
- **PPPM 413:** Statistics for Public Decision-Making (formerly, Quantitative Methods)
- **PPPM 418:** Introduction to Public Law
- **PPPM 420:** Practical Surveys for Public Service (Survey Methods)
- **PPPM 421:** Qualitative Analysis for Public Decision-Making (formerly, Qualitative Methods)
- **PPPM 422:** Grant Proposal Writing
- **PPPM 448:** Collaboration
- **PPPM 450:** Community Organizing
- **PPPM 457:** Nonprofit and Government Communication
- **PPPM 468:** Lobbying and the Legislative Process
- **PPPM 482:** Event Management
- **PPPM 495:** Advanced Urban GIS

Notes: (1) Courses may apply to more than one Field of Interest. (2) PPPM 399, PPPM 4/507, and PPPM 4/510 are variable-topic course numbers; sections are listed by topic title. (3) Course offerings reflect the 2025–26 and 2026–27 academic years and are subject to change. (4) Students may petition to apply electives to the major that are not listed above in the fields of interest. (5) Students who declared a PPPM major and/or minor prior to AY 26-27 may not apply PPPM 4/513: Statistics for Public Decision-Making (Quantitative Methods) towards their selected Field of Interest.