**MINOR IN PRACTICAL POLICY AND POLITITICS WORKSHEET**

The Practical Policy and Politics minor immerses students in study of the theory and practice of American democracy. It aims to enhance students’ capacities as citizens and to prepare them for potential careers in politics, public policy, or public administration and management. Through coursework and opportunities to earn academic credit for an internship, the minor equips students with knowledge about the principles, institutions, processes, and policies of American government and offers chances to develop various professional skills. Students may focus their courses on one particular career field, or may sample from the minor’s wide variety of courses on political communications, behavior, strategy and thought; legislative, executive, judicial and electoral politics; and public policy and administration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All Courses:

1. 18 Total Credits Required
2. Grade must be “C” or better
3. Pass/fail courses not allowed

Elective Courses:

1. 6 courses (18 credits) required
2. No more than 1 lower-level class
3. At least 1 400-level class
4. Experiential learning is required (see back). Any academic credits awarded in relation to that experience DO count toward the 18 credits.
5. Elective Courses must be any POLI course number ending in the 20s, 40s, or 50s, plus any of the following courses:
	1. POL 100
	2. POL 205
	3. POL 230
	4. POL 304
	5. POL 310
	6. POL 315
	7. POL 334
	8. POL 412
	9. POL 209
	10. POL 309
	11. POL 409
	12. “Selected Topics” classes also count, subject to approval of the minor advisors to ensure the specific topic is relevant.

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For the experiential learning component: Experiential learning courses are defined as ones that solely or primarily involve students in off-campus internships or service learning or in performing research/projects for real clients. Requirements can be fulfilled with:

1. POLI 448 (policy, politics, and public administration internship),
2. POLI 304 (community research),
3. 3 credits worth of POLI 341 (Legislative Simulation, the Maryland Student Legislature class) and/or 3 credits worth of POLI 384L (Model UN),
4. POLI 409 (Moot Court) or POLI 409 (Mock Trial).
5. POLI 409 (Political Writing) with Dr. Schaller
6. Internships and service-learning experiences associated with other transcript notations (e.g., POLI 438, POLI 401, the Career's Center internship PRAC, the Shriver Center's internship PRAC, and other departments' internships) can also satisfy the requirement, but must be approved by the minor advisor to ensure they are topically relevant.