

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Bachelor of Science in Social and Economic Development Policy (SEDP) is an interdisciplinary social science degree grounded in the analysis of global and domestic economic, social, and political development. The program is designed to foster globally-engaged civic leadership. Our students learn about the impact of globalization on local communities, cities, regions, and nations. They specialize in either urban and regional or international development, and learn how to understand and address major challenges to equitable and sustainable economic growth and healthy communities. They acquire the knowledge and develop the skills needed to assess and analyze issues that are central to the work of governing in the global age, from local agencies to international organizations. Our students build the confidence and competence they will need to affect policy in a variety of areas related to development in both the public and private sectors. The program prepares graduates for careers that require an understanding of how and why policy is made, how to analyze its effects, and how to make it better.

Students will be required to complete 30 credit hours of core courses and at least one 15 credit hour specialization. Majors are also required to complete 15 minor credit hours in applied economics. The senior capstone project requires students to complete a 120-hour internship.

The objective of the social and economic development policy program is to develop graduates who can demonstrate:

- Fundamental knowledge of the development field across the social sciences
- Ability to analyze and critically evaluate development problems and solutions
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- A commitment to positive change in their communities

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Social and Economic Development Policy Requirements (32)		
LCHS 100	Introduction to the Professions	2
PS 232	Democracy, Dictatorship, and Development	3
PS 306	Politics and Public Policy	3
PS 313	Comparative Public Policy	3
PS 360	Global Political Economy	3
PS 408	Methods of Policy Analysis	3
SSCI 209	Social Science Research Methods	3
SSCI 486	Program Evaluation	3
SSCI 493	Public Service Internship	3
Select two Research Methods electives from the following:		6
COM 383	Social Networks	3
PSYC 320	Applied Correlation and Regression	3
PSYC 409	Psychological Testing	3
SOC 498	Exercises in Behavioral Observation	3
SSCI 225	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
SSCI 325	Intermediate Geographic Information Systems	3
SSCI 387	Fieldwork Methods	3
SSCI 389	Urban Planning Analysis	3
SSCI 480	Introduction to Survey Methodology	3
or additional research methods courses with adviser approval		
Social and Economic Development Policy Specialization (15)		

Select International Development or Urban and Regional Development. See Specializations tab for requirements.	15
Mathematics Requirements (6-7)	
Select two courses at the level of MATH 119 or above including PSYC 203 or BUS 221	6-7
Natural Sciences Requirements (11)	
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section D	11
Computer Science Requirement (2)	
CS 105 Introduction to Computer Programming	2
or CS 110 Computing Principles	
Economics Minor Requirements (15)	
Other minors may be substituted with program director approval.	
BUS 382 Business Economics	3
ECON 151 Microeconomics	3
ECON 152 Macroeconomics	3
ECON 423 Economics of Capital Investments	3
Select one of the following courses:	3
BUS 321 Analytics for Optimization	3
BUS 452 International Finance	3
BUS 455 Corporate Finance	3
Humanities and Social Science Requirements (21)	
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, sections B and C	21
Interprofessional Projects (6)	
See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E	6
Free Electives (22)	
Select 22 credit hours	22
Total Credit Hours	130-131

Bachelor of Science in Social and Economic Development Policy Curriculum

		Year 1	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
LCHS 100	2	ECON 152	3
ECON 151	3	PS 313	3
PS 232	3	Specialization Elective ²	3
Mathematics Elective ¹	3	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
Humanities 200-level Course	3	Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3
		Humanities Elective (300+)	3
	14		18
		Year 2	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
SSCI 209	3	CS 105 or 110	2
PS 306	3	Research Methods Course ³	3
PS 360	3	Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3
ECON 423	3	Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3	Humanities Elective (300+)	3
Specialization Elective ²	3	Economics Minor Elective	3
	18		17
		Year 3	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
PS 408	3	Research Methods Course ³	3
Specialization Elective ²	3	Specialization Elective ²	3
Specialization Elective ²	3	Social Sciences Elective	3
Economics Minor Elective	3	I PRO Elective I	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3		
	18		15
		Year 4	
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
SSCI 486	3	SSCI 493	3
I PRO Elective II	3	Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3
Humanities or Social Sciences Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	15		15

Total Credit Hours: 130

¹ Two courses at the level of MATH 119 or above including PSYC 203 or BUS 221.

² Select from International Development or Urban and Regional Development; see Specializations tab for requirements.

³ Select from COM 383, PSYC 320, PSYC 409, SOC 498, SSCI 225, SSCI 325, SSCI 387, SSCI 389, SSCI 480, or additional research methods course with adviser approval.

Social and Economic Development Policy Specializations

International Development

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		(9)
PS 230	International Relations	3
PS 388	International Law and Organizations	3
SSCI 318	Global Health	3
or SSCI 376	Global Migration	
or SSCI 380	International Development	
Elective Courses		(6)
Select two of the following:		6
BUS 341	Business Law	3
COM 435	Intercultural Communication	3
PS 372	Government and Politics in Africa	3
PS 375	Politics of Latin America	3
PSYC 455	Development and Evaluation of Training in Organizations	3
PSYC 481	Groups and Leadership at Work	3
SSCI 323	Problems of Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Religious States	3
SSCI 376	Global Migration	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Additional courses may be approved by the program director.

Urban and Regional Development

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		(9)
PS 214	State and Local Government	3
SSCI 354	Urban Policy	3
SSCI 355	Regional Economic Development	3
Elective Courses		(6)
Select two of the following:		6
COM 421	Technical Communication	3
HIST 350	US Urban History	3
HIST 352	History of Chicago	3
PS 373	East Asian Political Economy	3
PS 374	Politics of Europe	3
PSYC 455	Development and Evaluation of Training in Organizations	3
PSYC 481	Groups and Leadership at Work	3
SSCI 220	Global Chicago	3
SSCI 354	Urban Policy	3
SSCI 376	Global Migration	3
Total Credit Hours		15

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