

9.7. *Public Policy - Charter*

9.7.1. *Mission*

The Public Policy Program interdisciplinary major prepares students for public service by providing) the foundation for specialized interdisciplinary graduate study and entry level credentials for public service careers in fields where a Master's degree is not required.

The program combines the expertise of faculty in the Economics, Geography and Political Science departments to more effectively achieve the goals laid out in Central Washington University's mission and to meet present and future needs of its students.

Much of the responsibility for decision making in the public sector now lies in the hands of a new kind of specialized professional who holds a position of trust in national, state and/or local government. To meet this need the Public Policy Program assembles faculty expertise from across the university. This pooling of resources enables the program to improve performance in meeting the following university objectives: (1) challenging students to address the ambiguities of an ever-changing world, (2) preparing students for careers and lifelong learning, and (3) helping students to become conscious of themselves as members of a pluralistic society, to become skilled communicators, to develop analytical skills and synthesize information, to make ethically informed decisions and to serve as responsible stewards of the earth.

9.7.2. *Objectives*

- Draw the best students from the three departments into the program early enough to gain a thorough interdisciplinary grounding as undergraduates.
- Create a vibrant learning community by bringing the perspectives and techniques of the different disciplines to bear on common problems.
- Enhance student performance in their disciplinary majors through cross-fertilization.
- Prepare students for graduate and professional school and for entry into the work force.
- Equip students for a career as public service professionals.

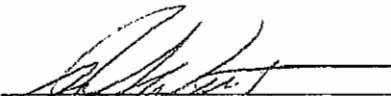
9.7.3. *Residence*

The Public Policy Program resides within the College of the Sciences.

9.7.4. *Program Specific Provisions*


None; University policy pertains.

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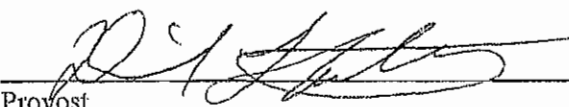
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