

**Department of STS/Public Policy**  
**Public Policy Program**

**Policy Statement on Senior Projects**

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1. The senior project (521-405) is the culminating educational experience for public policy students. The principal focus is an independent study project, centered on a major policy issue drawn from the student's chosen specialization.
2. An approved senior project proposal is required before students are allowed to enroll in 521-405 Senior Project. A *senior project proposal form* must be submitted to the Public Policy Office. Any changes in project topic must be accompanied by an amendment to the project proposal form.
3. Guidance on proposal development will be given in the spring of the junior year, typically as part of 521-404. Students should take note of proposal guidelines (posted on the public policy webpage) in their proposal development.
4. Senior projects may be group projects. Students should identify in their proposal the role of each group member.
5. Currently, senior projects are a one-quarter effort. However, it may be that a particular project warrants a two-quarter effort. We are willing to consider requests that your senior project be a two-quarter project. You need to make this request when you submit your proposal for approval. Your senior project advisor should be aware of and approve the request as well.