PUBLIC POLICY - DUAL DEGREE

Public Policy/Master of Public Health

St. Kate's offers the opportunity to apply a student's liberal arts education in the field of public health through a unique 3+2 dual-degree program in public policy/master of public health, global health focus (MPH). The dual-degree program allows students to complete their bachelor's degree while pursuing the MPH degree.

As a public policy major, students enrolled in the College for Women will complete the public policy pre-public health sequence of courses and supporting work for the MPH program. This includes courses in global health, biology or chemistry, and statistics while providing a special emphasis in public policy.

With an emphasis on applied policy research, the public policy major helps students use economic and political tools to identify policy problems and evaluate the impact of policies and programs. Students will learn the political context of public policy as well as the underlying economic models in order to understand how to build a just and sustainable society. Students can attend events hosted by the Minnesota Center for Diversity in Economics, such as “Socialism vs. Capitalism” or “The Economics of Immigration.” If students choose to complete the fourth-year coursework prior to applying for the MPH program they will be prepared to work in a variety of areas of the public policy discipline.

To enroll in this program, students apply to the MPH program during their junior year. If they are admitted to the MPH program, they receive a B.S. in Public Policy upon completion of the first year of the MPH program. The curriculum for the economics major is listed in the Pre-Professional Programs, Pre-Public health (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/preprofessional-programs/prepublic-health/) section of this catalog.