



Minor in Public Policy



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About Kautilya

Kautilya School of Public Policy is a premier school and is part of GITAM (Deemed to be University). We seek to redefine policymaking education in India in an environment designed to contextualise global best practices to the domestic context. We aim to create the next generation of changemakers equipped to navigate for disruptive change in the business and governance landscapes. We invite passionate problem-solvers to hone their skills at Kautilya and contribute to India's global ascent.



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(World), #240 (Asia), #125 (Southern Asia)
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#1501+ (World), #601+ (Asia)
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About the Minor Program

Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) offers a Minor in Public Policy, a credit-based program open to undergraduate students from all disciplines of GITAM University, Hyderabad.

The Minor introduces students to the foundations of public policy and its applications through eight courses offered from the second to the sixth semester.

Designed to build conceptual clarity, the curriculum blends classroom learning with guest lectures, discussions on newspaper articles, and opportunities for students to present their ideas.

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Syed Akbaruddin

Dean, Kautilya School of Public Policy;
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Faculty



Mr. Rakesh Dubbudu
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Dr. Kanica Rakhra
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COURSE: AN INTRODUCTION TO FOREIGN POLICY

Taught by accomplished faculty and practitioners, the minor courses emphasize an interdisciplinary approach that equips students of GITAM University, Hyderabad with theoretical, empirical, and decision-making skills, preparing them for careers in applied public policy and higher studies.

Courses Offered

1st year	Semester 2	Fundamentals of Public Policy
		Data for Public Policy
2nd year	Semester 3	Economics for Public Policy
		Public Economic Policy and Communication for Managers
3rd year	Semester 4	Policy, Business & the Public Interest
		Gender and Governance
	Semester 5	An Introduction to Foreign Policy
	Semester 6	TBA

Note: 8 courses will be offered in total and they are subject to order change

Credit Matrix

Semester	Courses offered	Credits for each course	Total credit
Semester 2	2	3	6
Semester 3	2	3	6
Semester 4	2	3	6
Semester 5	1	3	3
Semester 6	1	3	3
Overall Credits			24



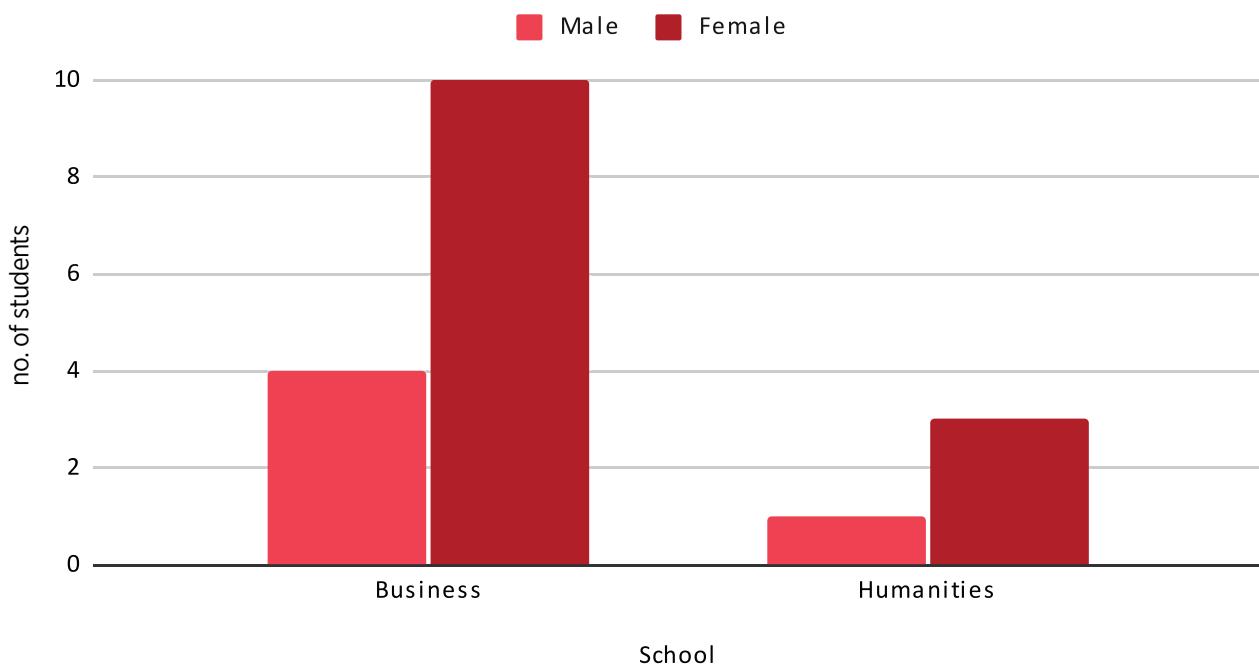




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Batch Profile 2024-2027

Gender Distribution by School



Testimonials



ABDUL WAHHAB,
BA Economics 2nd year student



Pursuing the Public Policy Minor has been an eye-opening journey that bridges theory with real-world governance. The interdisciplinary approach has encouraged me to think critically about how policies shape society, while the engaging discussions and case studies have deepened my analytical perspective. It's a program that truly equips students to engage with public issues in a meaningful and informed way.

JAYANTHI,
BA Political Science 2nd year student



The KSPP Minor courses have been a truly transformative experience. Engaging class discussions, interactive sessions, and guest faculty like Nikhil Gupta sir, Dilip Cherian sir, Rama Bijapurkar ma'am, and Sharmila Chavaly ma'am offered practical, on-ground insights that changed how I think about issues. Despite not majoring in economics or data, I was able to fully engage, thanks to approachable and experienced faculty like Rathin Roy sir and Vishnu Pillai sir, and the ever-supportive TAs, Gayatri ma'am, Akshara ma'am, and Romil sir. Behind KSPP's polished reputation lies the warm learning environment that I love the most.

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 **YUVA KISHORE GOTTUMUKKULA,**
BBA FM 2nd year student

Studying Minor in Public Policy at Kautilya School of Public Policy has been one of the most enriching experience of my degree. The courses push you to think more deeply about how decisions are made, why policies succeed or fail, and how data shapes real outcomes. It provides a grounded, practical understanding of governance that you simply don't get in a regular classroom.

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 **ALISHA BHARGAVA,**
BBA 2nd year student

Pursuing the Minor in Public Policy at KSPP has broadened my academic perspective in ways I didn't expect. You don't just learn public policy - you learn data analysis, decision-making, sociology, finance, economics and almost every other subject you might've wanted to choose. It exposes you to a part of the world that you would rarely get to understand in a traditional classroom.

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