La Follette School of Public Affairs: Program and Curricular Information

La Follette School Orientation
August 27, 2020
La Follette School Leadership

• Susan Yackee
  Director

• Steve Kulig
  Associate Director
Student Services Team

• Mo O’Connor (Lead)
  Admissions & Advising Coordinator

• Marie Koko
  Career Services Coordinator

• David Wright-Racette
  Sr. Student Services Examiner
Administrative Team

• Megan Stritchko (Lead)
  LFS Administrator

• Bonnie Lane
  Payroll & Benefits Specialist

• Cindy Manthe
  Senior Financial Specialist

• Marjorie Matthews
  University Services Associate
Outreach Team

• Lisa Ellinger (Lead)
  Director

• Lisa Hildebrand
  Senior University Relations Specialist

• Heidi Normandin
  Senior Outreach Specialist

• Bonnie MacRitchie
  Outreach Specialist
Technology Team

- Andrew Lambert (Lead)
  Senior Information Technology Specialist
COVID-19 Response

- UW-Madison Smart Restart
- The Graduate School’s COVID-19 page
- Office of the Registrar COVID-19 page
- LFS Response to COVID-19
  - Fall teaching plan
  - La Follette School house update and study space options
  - Fall events
La Follette School Mission & Goals

Mission:
• We train leaders and conduct research to inspire evidence-based policymaking and to advance the public good.

Vision:
• Evidence-based public policymaking that impacts society’s pressing problems.

Fighting Bob La Follette
Wisconsin Idea in Action

• Service-learning with real world client projects
• Legislator and policymaker outreach
• Campus and community partnerships
• Outreach events
Recent Changes

• Kohl Initiative
  – $10 million to support outreach, teaching and research
  – 10 new faculty hired last year
  – Full-time Career Services Coordinator
  – Outreach Director
2-Year Degree Programs

• Both MPA and MIPA are 42-credit degree programs designed to provide you with the best of both worlds:
  – Core courses
  – Flexible electives
  – Client projects
Accelerated, Dual and Double Degree Offerings

• Accelerated MPA & MIPA
  • 36 cr. degree programs

• Dual-degrees and Double-degrees
  – Juris Doctorate
  – Master of Public Health
  – Ph.D. in Neuroscience
  – Master in Urban and Regional Planning
Popular Certificates

• Energy Analysis and Policy through the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (14 cr.)
• Wisconsin School of Business Certificates (12 cr.)
  – Strategic Innovation
  – Entrepreneurship
  – Business, Environment & Social Responsibility

See the Graduate Guide for all Graduate Certificates
La Follette Fall Core Courses

MPA
- PA 800, PA 818, PA 874, PA 880

MIPA
- PA 800, PA 818, PA 880, elective

Accel. MPA & MIPA
- PA 800, PA 880
  - PA 818 if possible

Double- & Dual-Degree
Variations based on your program

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Advising

Academic advising
• Mo O’Connor

Big picture and programmatic questions
• Steve Kulig

Career and professional development advising
• Marie Koko

Enrollment questions/issues
• David Wright-Racette

Faculty advising
• Faculty advisors assigned middle of fall semester
Professional Development

• PA 800: Professional Development Workshop
• PA 827: Administrative Internship
• Professional Development Events
• La Follette Job/Internship Boards & LFS Facebook Group
• La Follette in...Chicago/Milwaukee/DC (Virtual this year!)
• Career and Professional Development online resources
• Handshake
• Big Interview
• UW Job Center
• SuccessWorks
67% of 2020 graduates have secured employment in their field or are continuing their education as of August 2020.
Outreach Events for Students

• La Follette School Seminar Series
• Madison Reception for Alumni and Friends
• Fall Forum
• Spring symposium and outreach events
• Journalist in Residence each semester
• La Follette calendar for all upcoming events
Typical Workspaces

- La Follette lounge (LFS house basement)
- La Follette Graduate Student Office (7413 Sewell Social Sciences Building)
- Graduate Student Lounge at Memorial Library
- La Follette Conference room (LFS 1st floor)
  - Students can reserve for meetings (see Marjorie)
Fall 2020 Workspaces

- **UW libraries**
  - Resources reserved by appointment
- **Outdoor campus spaces**
  - Observatory and Bascom Hills
  - Library Mall
  - Memorial Union & Union South

Virtual spaces
- [Microsoft Teams](#) & [Google Meet](#)
Computer and Software Resources

• Canvas Course for La Follette Students
• Sign up for DuoMobile multi-factor authentication
• UW-Madison Information Technology
  – Guides to help students navigate campus tech
  – Campus wide technical support
  – Software training for students
• Social Sciences Computing Cooperative (SSCC)
  – Software training in STATA, Excel, R, Python etc
• LinkedIn Learning
  – Online software training
Support for Diversity & Inclusion

• La Follette School Diversity and Inclusion webpage

• Goals
  – Create diverse, inclusive, and excellent learning and work environments for all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others who partner with the La Follette School of Public Affairs; and,
  – Seek and value all differences and develop the systems and work practices that support members of every group to succeed and fully contribute.

• D&I Task Force

• Fall 2020 Seminar Series: focus on racial justice
Campus Involvement & Engagement

- Wisconsin Involvement Network (WIN)
  - Close to 900 student orgs
- Wisconsin Union Directorate (WUD)
  - Wisconsin Hoofers
  - Art & Music Events
  - Social Justice Hub
- Recreation and Wellbeing (R&W)
  - Intramural sports
  - Personal and group fitness
- Morgridge Center for Public Service
- Associated Students of Madison (ASM)
  - Shared governance of the university
- Center for Leadership and Involvement (CfLI)
  - Virtual Student Org Fair 5-8 pm Sept 9th & 10th
La Follette School Student Association (LSSA)

Involvement Opportunities

● Community Service & Socials
● Diversity & Inclusion Task Force
● Fundraising for Graduation

First year student board positions:

● Vice President
● Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
● Community Service and Outreach Coordinator
● Social Coordinator
● Graduation Coordinator
● Fundraising Coordinator
Welcome to the La Follette School. You belong here!

• Small program; supportive, family feel
• World-class, tier-1 research university
• State capital city

Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

No class on Monday, Sept. 7th due to Labor Day
LFS 24/7 Resources

- La Follette Students Canvas Course
- La Follette School Website:
  - Main Headings
    - About
      - Diversity & Inclusion
      - Faculty
  - Students
    - Advising
      - Dates and Deadlines
      - Handbook
      - Enrollment Information
  - Academics
  - Career Development