Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Public Administration

Preparing Committed Leaders for Public Service

Career Opportunities
There are many challenging and rewarding career opportunities for graduates with a degree in Public Policy and Administration, including management and leadership roles in:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Professional associations
- Local government
- State government
- Federal government
- Legislative services
- Colleges and universities
- Consulting firms
- Healthcare facilities
- Political Action Committees
- Public interest groups
- Private industry

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A. Required Lower Division Foundation Courses
1. ACCT 2200 Introduction to Financial Reporting and Accounting (3)
2. ECON 2028 Essentials of Macro-Economics (3) (this replaces ECON 2020)
3. BA 2100 Legal Environment of Domestic and International Business (3) or BA 3108 Business and Society (3)

B. Required Core Courses
1. PPA 2008 American Government and Public Administration (3)
2. PPA 3000 Public Management and Leadership (3)
3. PPA 3408 Policy Networks (3)
4. PPA 4010 Analytical Methods in Administration (3)
5. PPA 4650 The Art and Science of Supervision (3)
6. PPA 4660 Public Human Resource Administration (3)
7. PPA 4680 Budgeting in Public Organizations (3)
8. PPA 4908 Senior Seminar in Public Administration (3)

C. Upper Division Electives (4 approved courses)
In addition to the foundation and core requirements, students must complete four approved 3000-level or 4000-level courses in Public Policy and Administration.

Undergraduate Students Planning to Pursue the MPA or the MS-HCA
Note: Undergraduate students in Public Policy and Administration planning to pursue the MPA or MS-HCA may take up to two of the MPA or MS-HCA courses while still undergraduates. Students seeking the MPA may take PPA 4010 and PPA 4038; students seeking the MS-HCA may complete PPA 4010 and 4020.

PPA-MPA 4+1 Program
Undergraduate PPA students may also pursue the MPA degree through an accelerated path. Students following this path will earn their BA and MPA degrees together in 5 years. Students will take their normal BA coursework for the first 3 years (90 units). In the second semester of their third year, students may apply for the accelerated path if they meet the following conditions: have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and get approval from their faculty advisor.

In their fourth year, students on this path will take PPA 4010, PPA 4038, PPA 5000, PPA 5020, and 6 other BA PPA (or other) courses approved by their faculty advisor. At the end of this year, students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may continue to the MPA program, or revert back to the BA degree program. Students with a GPA below 3.0 will end their participation in the accelerated path and will revert to the BA program.

Students continuing on the accelerated path will take the following coursework in their fifth year: PPA 6100, PPA 6110, PPA 6520, PPA 6530, 5 electives, and a culminating project.

Altogether, students on the accelerated path must complete at least 150 units in order to earn their BA and MPA degrees.

Students must consult their faculty advisor for more information.

Service Learning Component in BAPA:
Undergraduate public administration students must complete at least one service learning component during their degree program. This service learning component may be satisfied by a community-based project in a public administration class, an independent study, cooperative education, an internship, or another means approved by the PPA faculty. Students must develop a service learning portfolio to be presented in PPA 4908.