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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2016-2018 Catalog Requirements

A. Required Lower Division Foundation Courses
1. ACCT 2200 Introduction to Financial Reporting and Accounting (3)
2. ECON 2028 Essentials of Macro-Economics (3)
3. PLSI 1018 American Government and Politics (3)
4. 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)
9. COMM 3008 Technical and Report Writing (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.
Students may take 5000-level courses or take two of the foundation courses for
the MPA or MS-HCA. PPA 4010 may not be counted by PPA majors in both
the core and the electives. Students may also take coursework in other disciplines
such as marketing, management, finance, economics, criminal justice, and other
social science disciplines if it matches their career objectives. Make these choices
after consulting the undergraduate advisor.

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.

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 MS-HCA 4010 and
HCA 5360.

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 PA (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.