Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Public Administration

Our programs prepare leaders and build professionalism in the public and nonprofit sectors and link KU resources to the challenges of public management. We produce skilled leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers, ready to confront pressing social and economic challenges at the local, state, and national levels.

The School of Public Affairs and Administration is ranked number one among graduate schools in city management and urban policy, number 5 in public management administration, and number 9 in public affairs according to the U.S. News and World Report.

First-and Second-Year Preparation

KU Edwards Campus

The undergraduate program in public administration is offered in its entirety only at the KU Edwards Campus (http://edwardscampus.ku.edu), 12600 Quivira Rd., Overland Park, KS 66213. This program is designed for students who have earned an associate's degree or equivalent hours and wish to complete the upper-level courses necessary for a bachelor's degree.

Public Administration Program

The major accommodates both traditional and nontraditional students. Public administration offers students the necessary knowledge and skills for planning, implementing, and evaluating public programs. Students will be able to work in such settings as local and state government, nonprofit organizations, and private sector businesses.

Students fulfill their first-year and sophomore hours through general education requirements. Students are encouraged, but not required to take POLS 110 as part of their general education hours. Students considering the major should contact the CLAS undergraduate advisor on the Edwards Campus, Dan Mueller, dmueller@ku.edu, 864-8659 (from Lawrence) or 913-897-8659 (outside of Lawrence) for advising on general education requirements leading up to the major.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Public Administration Required Courses

- PUAD 330 Introduction to Public Administration 3
- or PUAD 331 Introduction to Public Administration, Honors 3
- PUAD 332 Quantitative Methods for Public Administration (PSYC 210 or MATH 365 and their equivalents may be substituted for this course requirement but students would need to complete another jr/sr PUAD elective for the PUAD major.) 3
- PUAD 333 Hard Choices in Public Administration: _____ 3

Public Administration Required Electives (18)

- Majors must complete 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:

  - PUAD 431 Bureaucracy, Public Administration, and the Private Sector
  - PUAD 432 Conducting the People's Business Ethically
  - PUAD 433 Metropolitics and Macroproblems: The American City in Local and Global Context
  - PUAD 435 Generating, Allocating and Managing Public Resources
  - PUAD 436 Managing People in Public Organizations
  - PUAD 601 Crime and Punishment
  - PUAD 602 Diversity in Public Administration
  - PUAD 603 Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector
  - PUAD 604 Resource Development and Management in Nonprofit Organizations
  - PUAD 605 Managing Nonprofit Relationships
  - PUAD 606 Nonprofit Accountability: Public Needs and Public Values
  - PUAD 608 Collaboration in Public Administration
  - PUAD 639 Concepts of Civil Society
  - PUAD 691 Internship in Public Service
  - PUAD 692 Research Experience in Public Administration
  - PUAD 693 Directed Readings
  - PUAD 694 Topics in Public Administration: _____

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

**Major Hours**

Satisfied by 27 hours of major courses.

**Major Hours in Residence**

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Hours**

Satisfied by a minimum of 24 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA**

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Public Administration is available by using the left-side navigation, or by clicking here (http://catalog.ku.edu/public-affairs-administration/ba-bgs/ba-public-administration).

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