Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Public Administration

The undergraduate major in public administration offers students the necessary knowledge and skills for planning, implementing, and evaluating public programs. Students learn to think critically and analytically about public policy and will also acquire skills that make them more effective citizens in their own communities. Students can complete an internship for credit towards their degree. Past internship placements include: Johnson County, Kauffman Center, Harvesters, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, City of Roeland Park, YMCA, Governor's Internship Program, Youth Volunteer Corps of Kansas City, America Reads and Army Corps of Engineers.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu/) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu/) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of the University Registrar (https://registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer/) website.

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

Code	Title	Hours
Public Administration Required Courses		
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:		
PUAD 330	Introduction to Public Administration	3
or PUAD 331	Introduction to Public Administration, Honors	
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
Capstone Course		
PUAD 699	Capstone	3
Public Administration Required Electives		
Majors must complete 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:		18
LWS 330	Introduction to Law & Society	
LWS 333	The Pursuit of Rights: Law, Democracy & Power	
PUAD 401	Administration of Justice	
PUAD 402	Diversity and Social Equity in Public Administration	
PUAD 403	Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector	
PUAD 405	Managing Nonprofit Relationships	
PUAD 407	Introduction to Project Management	
PUAD 408	Collaboration in Public Administration	
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 437	Organizational Learning and Staff Development	
PUAD 439	Concepts of Civil Society	
PUAD 441	Public Service Leadership	
PUAD 494	Topics in Public Administration: _____	
SPAA 691	Internship Experience	
SPAA 692	Research Experience	
SPAA 693	Directed Readings	
UBPL 200	Sustainability and Society	
UBPL 300	Planning the Sustainable City	
Total Hours		**30**

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 30 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 major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/).

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

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At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop and apply knowledge of governmental and non-profit organization's administrative processes, including decision-making, policymaking, and their theoretical basis.
- Develop and apply knowledge of public service values and their use in decision-making in the public sector.
- Develop basic knowledge of research skills used in public sector decisions.