

# 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. Examples of 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.

Our graduates work in such settings as local and state government, nonprofit organizations, and private sector businesses.

Introductory classes in public administration are offered in Lawrence and at the Edwards Campus in Overland Park. Courses to complete the major and minor are offered at the Edwards Campus.

## Undergraduate Admission

### Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores 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 Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

## Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

## 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, Liz Barton, [bartonliz@ku.edu](mailto:bartonliz@ku.edu), 864-3500 for advising on general education requirements leading up to the major.

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

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Public Administration Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Public Administration Required Electives</b>		
Majors must complete 6 courses (18 hours) from the following:		18
PUAD 431	Bureaucracy, Public Administration, and the Private Sector	
PUAD 432	Conducting the People's Business Ethically	
PUAD 433	Metropolitcs 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 641	Public Service Leadership	
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 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 (<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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