

BA in Public Administration

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Public Administration. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses/>).

The Public Administration major is only available at the Edwards campus.

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing I) ¹	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing II)	3
MATH 101 (Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning)	3	Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning ²	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
POLS 110 (Goal 3 Social Science, Major Pre-requisite)	3	Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	3
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Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) ⁶	3-5
PUAD 330 or 331 (Major Requirement)	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1-2
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	PUAD 332 (Major Requirement + Goal 2.1)	3
LA&S 292 (Research Methods, or elective)	1	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
	13		13-16

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3	PUAD 401 or 402 (Goal 4.1 US Diversity, Major Elective)	3
PUAD 333 (Major Requirement)	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
PUAD Elective 300+ (Major Requirement)	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
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Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
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Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PUAD 432 (Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics, Major Elective)	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
PUAD Elective 300+ (Major Requirement)	3	SPAA 691 (Goal 6, Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement) ^{3, 4}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
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Total Hours 120-123

- ¹ The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- ² Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- ³ No more than 3 hours of SPAA 691 may count toward the major.
- ⁴ SPAA 691 Internship Experience is typically taken to fulfill KU Core Goal 6. If SPAA 691 is not taken for Goal 6, another Goal 6 course will need to be taken. This may require that an undesignated elective be used to fulfill a pre-requisite for a Goal 6 course.
- ⁵ Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.
- ⁶ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.