

Public Administration- Bachelor of Arts

For information, contact the Department of Political Science, 218 Harrison Hall, 513-529-2000.

The Public Administration major is designed for undergraduates interested in studying and understanding the issues of governance and management in government and not-for-profit organizations, and more specifically about the link between politics and public policy implementation. It is appropriate for those interested in public service careers in the federal government, state government, and/or local government including: city and county management, public finance administration, public personnel administration, public policy analysis and program evaluation. This major also prepares students for continued education in professional and graduate schools of public administration, public policy analysis, and related fields. It also serves as a pre-law course of study.

At least half of the required semester hours in the Public Administration Core and half of the required semester hours in the Related Hours must be from Miami. Required hours in the Core and Related Hours may not be taken credit/no-credit. A GPA of at least 2.00 is required in the Core as well as in the Related Hours courses.

Program Requirements

(At least 36 semester hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Public Administration Core		
POL 241	American Political System	3
POL 261	Public Administration ¹	3
POL 306	Applied Research Methods	3
ECO 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECO 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Core electives ²		
Select at least 12 hours of the following:		12
POL 268	State and Local Government and Politics	
POL 307	Public Opinion Laboratory	
POL 351	Criminal Justice	
POL 361	Nonprofits: Politics & Policy	
POL 362	Public Management, Leadership, and Administrative Politics	
POL 363	Administrative Law	
POL 364	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	
POL 365	Decision-Making in Public Affairs	
POL 460	Seminar on Public Administration and Policy Analysis	
POL 467	Public Budgeting	
POL 468	Public Personnel Administration	
Select no more than six hours of the following professional related courses:		6

ACC 468	Accounting for Not-for-Profit and Governmental Organizations	
AMS 302	Immigrant America	
APC 339	Introduction to Organizational Communication	
ECO 331	Public Sector Economics	
ECO 406	Environmental Economics	
ENG 313	Technical Writing	
GEO 441	Geographic Information Systems	
GEO 442	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	
GEO 451	Urban and Regional Planning	
GTU 365	Social Policy and Programs in Gerontology	
IES 431	Principles and Applications of Environmental Science	
IES 450	Environmental Law	
JRN 412	Data Journalism	
SOC 454	Organizations and Society	
Senior Capstone Seminar		
POL 466	Public Policy Analysis ³	3
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ POL 261 is a prerequisite for 300/400-level courses in Public Administration.

² Courses appropriate to the major, but not listed as core electives, may in some cases be counted toward the major with the written approval of the student's public administration advisor.

³ Requires Senior standing, completion of the core requirements and 15 hours from above.

Internships

Public administration internships (POL 340) for majors are coordinated through the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, 311 Harrison Hall. Internships provide an added dimension to your educational experience. Internship credits do not fulfill any requirements for the Public Administration major. For information, consult the Political Science Internship Coordinator.

CAS Writing Competency Requirement

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration meet the College of Arts and Science writing in the major requirement by completing one of the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
POL 343	American Presidency	3
POL 349	Voice & Power in U.S. Politics	3
POL 364	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	3
POL 366	Policy Evaluation	3
POL 374	Foreign Policy Analysis	3

Note about Double Majoring in the Department

The Department of Political Science does not allow Political Science majors to pursue another major in the Department. A double major between Public Administration and Diplomacy and Global Politics is allowed, but will not meet the Miami Plan's thematic sequence requirement as a double major that is in the same department. We strongly discourage a Diplomacy and Global Politics - International Studies double major due to all the "double counting" that is involved.