PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION - BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Service and Administration (BA-PSAA) is an interdisciplinary degree designed to ensure that students develop the professional skills necessary for effective leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors.

Students in this degree program will gain a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic public and nonprofit sectors, along with the skills and expertise to drive meaningful change. The practical and impactful curriculum focuses on the management, economics, communications and social science skills that are needed for good decision-making within the management, policy and homeland security fields. The BA-PSAA degree should be particularly appealing to students who are interested in serving their communities (e.g., those planning to work for organizations such as the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or the Red Cross).

Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Service and Administration will be well-prepared for a variety of careers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Specific examples include public affairs specialists, grant writers, program assistants, project management specialists, parks supervisors, fundraisers or research assistants.

Program Requirements

First Year		
Fall		**Semester Credit Hours**
BUSH 141	Bush Undergraduate Success Hub	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric [1]	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences [1]	3
POLS 206	American National Government [1]	3
Foreign language [2]		4
	Semester Credit Hours	**16**
Spring		
MATH 142 or PHIL 240	Business Calculus [1] or Introduction to Logic	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government [1]	3
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Foreign language [2]		4
	Semester Credit Hours	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics [1]	3
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference [1]	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Foreign language [2]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Spring		
ECON 203	Principles of Economics	3
PSAA 210	Integrated Solutions to Public Service Problems [1]	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Humanities directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)		3
Foreign language [2]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Third Year		
Fall		
PSAA 340/ POLS 340	Public Administration [1]	3
PSAA 350	Economics of Public Policy [1]	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Humanities directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Spring		
PSAA 360	The Nonprofit Sector [1]	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Area elective [3]		3
Directed elective [4]		3
General elective [5]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PSAA 430	Leading and Managing Public Service Organizations [1]	3
Area elective [3]		3
Directed elective [4]		3
Humanities directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)		3
General elective [5]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Spring		
PSAA 440	Public Policies and Policymaking [1]	3

Area elective [3]		3
Directed elective [4]		3
General elective [5]		3
General elective [5]		1
	Semester Credit Hours	**13**
	Total Semester Credit Hours	**120**

1. Must make a grade of C or better.
2. Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.
3. Select from a focused course cluster: Public & NP Management; Policy Analysis; National Defense and Homeland Security/Emergency Management; or any combination of courses from the list.
4. Select from PSAA 205, PSAA 301, PSAA 302, PSAA 403, PSAA 404, PSAA 405.
5. Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Public & NP Management		
PSAA 344	Public Communication and Stakeholder Engagement	3
PSAA 364	Fundraising and Philanthropy	3
PSAA 441	Program Assessment and Evaluation	3
PSAA 442	Cross#Sector Collaboration	3
PSAA 443	Managing Workplace Diversity in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	3

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Policy Analysis		
PSAA 352	Immigration Policy	3
PSAA 354	Education Policy	3
PSAA 450	Using Data to Make a Difference	3
PSAA 452	Energy Policy	3
PSAA 453	Environmental Policy	3

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National Defense and Homeland Security/ Emergency Management		
PSAA 272	Introduction to National Defense and Homeland Security	3
PSAA 372	Emergency Management Enterprise - Local, State and Federal	3
PSAA 472	Terrorist Threat to the Nation	3