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.

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