

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

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
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	Business Calculus ¹	3
or PHIL 240	or Introduction to Logic	
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/	Public Administration ¹	3
POLS 340		
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
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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