

# PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION - BS

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

Students in this degree program will learn the practical skills needed to conduct policy-relevant research and effectively communicate research recommendations. Students will also gain a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic public and nonprofit sectors and learn how to participate in and contribute to the public policy process. The BS-PSAA degree should be particularly appealing to students who are interested in building better connections between science and public policy (e.g., those planning to work for organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Education Agency, or the Sierra Club).

Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Science 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, research assistants, budget analysts, management and administrative analysts, program analysts or policy coordinators.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

		Semester
Fall		Credit Hours
BUSH 141	Bush Undergraduate Success Hub	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences <sup>1</sup>	3
POLS 206	American National Government <sup>1</sup>	3
General elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
MATH 142	Business Calculus <sup>1</sup>	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government <sup>1</sup>	3
Creative arts ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
General elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference <sup>1</sup>	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 ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> )		3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
ECON 203	Principles of Economics	3
PSAA 210	Integrated Solutions to Public Service Problems <sup>1</sup>	3
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )		3
General elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Third Year		
Fall		
PSAA 340/ POLS 340	Public Administration <sup>1</sup>	3
PSAA 350	Economics of Public Policy <sup>1</sup>	3
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
PSAA 360	The Nonprofit Sector <sup>1</sup>	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
Area elective <sup>4</sup>		3
Directed elective <sup>5</sup>		3
Methods and Science elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PSAA 430	Leading and Managing Public Service Organizations <sup>1</sup>	3
PSAA 450	Using Data to Make a Difference <sup>1</sup>	3
Area elective <sup>4</sup>		3
Directed elective <sup>5</sup>		3
General elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
PSAA 440	Public Policies and Policymaking <sup>1</sup>	3
Area elective <sup>4</sup>		3

Directed elective <sup>5</sup>	3
Methods and Science elective <sup>3</sup>	3
General elective <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.

<sup>2</sup> Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Only 14 hours of KINE 199; AERS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/aers/>); MLSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/mlsc/>); NVSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/nvsc/>); SOMS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soms/>) may be used toward General Electives.

<sup>3</sup> Select from AGCJ 411; ANTH 448; ANTH 458; BUSN 203; COMM 303/ JOUR 305; COMM 308; ECMT 461; ECMT 463; ECMT 475; ECON 440; ECON 441; ECON 470; EPSY 435; GEOG 390; MARS 325; OCNG 470; PBSI 245; POLS 308; SCMT 305; SOCI 220; SOCI 229; SOCI 320; SOCI 420; STAT 303; STAT 312

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Select from PSAA 205, PSAA 301, PSAA 302, PSAA 403, PSAA 404, PSAA 405.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Public &amp; NP Management</b>		
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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<b>Policy Analysis</b>		
PSAA 352	Immigration Policy	3
PSAA 354	Education Policy	3
PSAA 452	Energy Policy	3
PSAA 453	Environmental Policy	3

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>National Defense and Homeland Security/ Emergency Management</b>		
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