

Public Administration Major (PADM)
Public Administration Minor (PADM)
Department of Political Science

Public Administration is the study of the administrative aspects of government. Among the foci of public administration studies are the political context and the socioeconomic environment of public policy making and public program implementation; theories of public organization and administrative behavior; public personnel administration and collective bargaining; public budgeting and accounting; public policy analysis and program evaluation.

The public administration major involves a core of coursework in public administration and a choice of electives from among several political science courses. It may be combined with any number of minors appropriate to the career interests of the student. Students who major in public administration enter a broad range of careers in the government service (federal, state, or local), nonprofit organizations or in business. Some go on to graduate or professional schools in political science, public administration, public policy, business administration, or law.

A minor is to be selected in consultation with a public administration advisor. Among the minors recommended are Computer Science, Economics, General Business, Management, Nonprofit Administration, and Writing. Other minors that may be appropriate depending upon career interests include Communication, Conservation and Resource Use, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Gerontology, Historic Preservation, Journalism, Labor Studies, Land Use Analysis, Military Science, Public Law and Government, and Social Work.

Students interested in pursuing graduate coursework after the undergraduate program are encouraged to complete the second methods course in the Department (PLSC 310).

Major in Public Administration (36 Credit Hours)

To complete a major in public administration, students must complete a statistics course (SOCL 250 or MATH 170) and complete the requirements below.

A. Required Courses – 21 Credit Hours (7 courses)

- PLSC 210 Introduction to Political Analysis
- PLSC 270 Public Administration
- PLSC 334 Public Personnel Administration
- PLSC 352 Politics of Government Budgeting
- PLSC 381 Public Policy Analysis
- PLSC 431 Theories of Public Administration
- PLSC 480 Field Seminar/Internship (In-service students are allowed to waive this requirement and substitute another course)

B. Politics Electives – 15 Credit Hours (5 courses)

- PLSC 202 State and Local Government
- PLSC 216 Municipal Government
- PLSC 305 Law and Policy in a Constitutional Democracy
- PLSC 330 Urban Politics
- PLSC 332 Intergovernmental Relations
- PLSC 364 Legislative Process
- PLSC 380 American Presidency
- PLSC 385 Judicial Process and Behavior
- PLSC 470 Seminar in Political Science
- PLSC 486 Internship: Political Science/Public Administration

Up to six semester hours of internship credit (PLSC 480, PLSC 488, or PLSC 489) or cooperative education credit (PLSC 387 and PLSC 487) may be applied to the major.

Minor in Public Administration (24 Credit Hours)

To complete a minor in public administration, students must complete the requirements below.

1.	Required Course	3
	PLSC 270 Public Administration	
2.	Restricted Electives	12
	<i>Choose four (4) courses from the following:</i>	
	PLSC 210 Introduction to Political Analysis.....	3
	PLSC 334 Personnel Administration in Government.....	3
	PLSC 352 Politics of Government Budgeting.....	3
	PLSC 381 Public Policy Analysis.....	3
	PLSC 431 Theories of Public Organization.....	3
	PLSC 480 Field Seminar: Political Science /Public Administration.....	3
3.	Electives	9
	<i>Choose three (3) courses from the following:</i>	
	PLSC 202 State and Local Government.....	3
	PLSC 216 Municipal Government.....	3
	PLSC 301 American Legal System.....	3
	PLSC 330 Urban Politics.....	3
	PLSC 332 Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism.....	3
	PLSC 364 Legislative Process.....	3
	PLSC 380 American Presidency.....	3
	PLSC 385 Judicial Process and Behavior.....	3
	PLSC 470 Seminar in Political Science.....	3
	PLSC 486 Internship: Political Science /Public Administration.....	3

Three semester hours of internship credit (PLSC 480, PLSC 486, or PLSC 489) or cooperative education credit (PLSC 387 or PLSC 487) may be applied to the public administration minor.