

BA in Public Administration and Policy

Degree Program Description

The BA in Public Administration and Policy within the Truman School of Government and Public Affairs (<https://truman.missouri.edu/>) is an on-campus, online, or hybrid program. The degree will prepare students to think critically about problems facing public and nonprofit institutions, to develop and implement solutions to these problems, and to communicate effectively as future public servants. The curriculum melds the study of public administration, public policy, and communication to prepare students for careers in professional public service.

Major Program Requirements

Students will need to complete a minimum of 120 credit hours. In addition to University (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

- A grade of C- or higher is required in all major courses.
- A 3000-level or higher Writing Intensive course within the major is required*.
- The major capstone requirement will be met upon successful completion of a 4000-level core course (PUB_AF 4420, POL_SC 4320, POL_SC 4320W, COMMUN 4473, COMMUN 4476, or COMMUN 4478)

Major Core Curriculum	15
PUB_AF 1000 Principles of Public Policy Administration	3
PUB_AF 4420 Program Assessment and Improvement	3
POL_SC 4320 Public Policy	3
or POL_SC 4320W Public Policy - Writing Intensive	
Communication Core Courses (6 credit hours from the following courses)	6
COMMUN 3460 Organizational Advocacy	3
COMMUN 3572 Argument and Advocacy	3
COMMUN 4473 Political Communication	3
COMMUN 4476 Organizational Communication	3
COMMUN 4478 Communication Competencies for a Diverse Workplace	3
Major Elective Courses (15 credit hours minimum; at least 9 credit hours must be PUB_AF courses) ^	15
Any PUB_AF 2000-level or higher (9 credit hours minimum)	9
PUB_AF 4001 Topics in Public Affairs	3
PUB_AF 4175 Early Childhood Policy	3
PUB_AF 4340 Regional and Economic Development Policy	3
PUB_AF 4430 Public Policy Analysis	3
PUB_AF 4520 Human Resources Management and Development in Public and Nonprofit Sector	3

PUB_AF 4540	Local Government Management	3
PUB_AF 4700	Social Entrepreneurship	3
PUB_AF 4710	The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector	3
AGSC_COM 2210	Communicating Science to the Public	3
BL_STU 4303	Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender, and U.S. Policy	3
COMMUN 3580	Crisis Communication	3
COMMUN 4530	Health Communication	3
ECONOM 3367	Law and Economics	3
or ECONOM 3367W	Law and Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4311	Labor Economics	3
or ECONOM 4311W	Labor Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4315	Public Economics	3
or ECONOM 4315W	Public Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4316	State and Local Finance	3
ECONOM 4317	Urban Economics	3
or ECONOM 4317W	Urban Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4318	Environmental Economics	3
or ECONOM 4318W	Environmental Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4340	Introduction to Game Theory	3
ECONOM 4345	Economics of Education	3
or ECONOM 4345W	Economics of Education - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4357	Health Economics	3
or ECONOM 4357W	Health Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4846	Economics of Discrimination	3
or ECONOM 4846W	Economics of Discrimination - Writing Intensive	
ENV_SC 4400	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice	3
or ENV_SC 4400W	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive	
ENV_SC 4600	Sustainability Science Problem Solving	3
or ENV_SC 4600W	Sustainability Science Problem Solving - Writing Intensive	
GEOG 2289	Towns in Missouri and the Midwest: Voices and Inequalities	3
GEOG 4450	Health, Healthcare Access, and Geography	3
GEOG 4790	Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences	3
HLTH_SCI/P_HLTH 3700	Health Care in the United States	3
or HLTH_SCI 3700H	Health Care in the United States - Honors	
NAT_R 4353	Natural Resource Policy/Administration	3
POL_SC 2150	How Government Affects You	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3
POL_SC 4370	Law, Policy, and Regulation	3
POL_SC 4380	Politics of Criminal Justice	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
POL_SC 4940	Political Science Internship §	3
PRST 3230	Outdoor Recreation Policy	3
or PRST 3230W	Outdoor Recreation Policies - Writing Intensive	
PRST 4340	Recreation Land Management	3
SOCIOL 3230	Education and Social Inequalities	3
SOCIOL 3330	Environmental Justice	3
SOCIOL 3440	Sociology of Health	3
SOCIOL 4545	Sociology of Immigration	3
SRV_LRN 3028	Civic Leaders Internship §	3
WGST 3260	Gender, Law and Justice	3

- * The major Writing Intensive (WI) requirement may be fulfilled by a major core WI course, an approved major elective WI course, or as approved by the department.
- ^ Major Elective Coursework (at least 9 credit hours must be from Public Affairs):
Students select elective coursework that fulfills their career goals. The list above is not exhaustive; contact your advisor if you have questions about potential major electives.
- § A maximum of 3 total credit hours of POL_SC 4940 and/or SRV_LRN 3028 are allowed to count towards major electives.

Accelerated BA in Public Administration and Policy to Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) Program

The MPA (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/publicaffairs/mpa-public-affairs/>) is a professional degree combining rigorous coursework and experiential learning opportunities to prepare students for ethical leadership in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The Truman School of Government and Public Affairs offers a 4+1 program that allows undergraduate students in Political Science (BA) (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/politicalscience/ba-political-science/>), Public Administration and Policy (BA) (p. 1), and Economics (BS) (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/economics/bs-economics/>) majors to earn their undergraduate degree and a Master of Public Affairs (MPA) in five total years. Students accepted into the program will begin taking graduate-level coursework during their fourth year of study that counts towards both their undergraduate and graduate program requirements. Any 7000-level or higher PUB_AF course may be used for dual enrollment during fourth year of study.

Undergraduate students must complete 90 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have been accepted into the accelerated program prior to being admitted as provisional graduate students. Upon successful completion of program requirements, the undergraduate degree is conferred at the end of year 4 and the MPA is conferred at the end of year 5.

Total minimum credits for graduation: 141

- Undergraduate credits: 105
- Dual credits: 15 hours of 7000+ PUB_AF courses (taken at the graduate level during fourth year of study for credit toward both undergraduate and MPA degrees)
- Graduate credits: 21

Fourth Year (Dual Enrollment)		15
PUB_AF 8180	Research Methods and Inquiry in Public Affairs I	3
PUB_AF 8181	Research Methods and Inquiry in Public Affairs II	3
PUB_AF 8280	Public Affairs Internship	3
Graduate Electives		6
Fifth Year (Full-time Graduate Student)		21
PUB_AF 8210	Public Service and Democracy	3
PUB_AF 8211	MPA Capstone (Applied Project)	3
Graduate Electives		15