

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 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 120 credit hours consisting of College of Arts and Science requirements, University of Missouri general education requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), University graduation requirements, (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>) and the program requirements listed below to confer the degree.

- 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, or 4000-level COMMUN core course).

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
Communication Core Courses (6 credit hours from the following courses))	6
COMMUN 3460 Organizational Advocacy	
COMMUN 3572 Argument and Advocacy	
COMMUN 4473 Political Communication	
COMMUN 4476 Organizational Communication	
COMMUN 4478 Communication Competencies for a Diverse Workplace	
Major Elective Courses (15 credit hours minimum; at least 9 credit hours must be PUB_AF courses) ^	15
Any PUB_AF 3000-level or higher (9 credit hours minimum)	9
PUB_AF 4001 Topics in Public Affairs	
PUB_AF 4175 Early Childhood Policy	
PUB_AF 4340 Regional and Economic Development Policy	
PUB_AF 4540 Local Government Management	
PUB_AF 4700 Social Entrepreneurship	
PUB_AF 4710 The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector	
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

ECONOM 4315	Public Economics	3
ECONOM 4345	Economics of Education	3
ECONOM 4357	Health Economics	3
GEOG 2289	Towns in Missouri and the Midwest: Voices and Inequalities	3
GEOG 4790	Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3
POL_SC 4370	Law, Policy, and Regulation	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
POL_SC 4940	Political Science Internship (Maximum of 3 credit hours allowed)	3
SOCIOL 3230	Education and Social Inequalities	3
SOCIOL 3330	Environmental Justice	3
SRV_LRN 3028	Civic Leaders Internship (Maximum of 3 credit hours allowed)	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 approved major electives.

Accelerated BA to MPA in Public Affairs

An accelerated program provides students the opportunity to earn both a Bachelors and Masters degree within five years, rather than six years if pursued consecutively. Many students approach their final year of undergraduate coursework well prepared for graduate study. This accelerated program allows students to complete several courses toward the MPA in Public Affairs program during their final undergraduate semesters. Students then complete the requirements for the MPA with one additional year of coursework.

Total credits required for graduation must be at least 141 total credit hours:

- Total undergraduate credit hours: 105
- Total dual enrollment credit hours: 15 (taken at graduate level)
- Total graduate credit hours: 21

Fourth Year (Dual Enrollment)	15
PUB_AF 8110 Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Management	3
PUB_AF 8170 Public Policy Processes and Strategies	3
PUB_AF 8180 Research Methods and Inquiry in Public Affairs I	3
Graduate Electives	6
Fifth Year (as Graduate Student)	21
PUB_AF 8181 Research Methods and Inquiry in Public Affairs II	3
PUB_AF 8280 Public Affairs Internship	3
PUB_AF 8210 Public Service and Democracy	3
PUB_AF 8211 MPA Capstone (Applied Project)	3
Graduate Electives	6

Elective and Specialization Courses		15
Public and Nonprofit Management Courses		
PUB_AF 7340	Regional and Economic Development Policy	3
PUB_AF 7540	Local Government Management	3
PUB_AF 7710	The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector	3
PUB_AF 8150	Collaborative Governance	3
PUB_AF 8160	Organizational Dynamics and Leadership	3
PUB_AF 8510	Public Budgeting and Taxation	3
PUB_AF 8520	Human Resources Management and Development in Public and Nonprofit Sector	3
PUB_AF 8530	Strategic Management of Public Service Organizations: People, Information and Money	3
PUB_AF 8720	Budgeting and Financial Management in the Nonprofit Sector	3
Public Policy Courses		
PUB_AF 7175	Early Childhood Policy	3
PUB_AF 7340	Regional and Economic Development Policy	3
PUB_AF 8171	Environmental Policy	3
PUB_AF 8190	Economic Analysis for Public Affairs	3
PUB_AF 8420	Public Program Evaluation	3
PUB_AF 8430	Public Policy Analysis	3

Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
PUB_AF 1000		3 MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
POL_SC 1100		3 Second language I	4-6
ENGLSH 1000		3 Humanities 2000+	3
Humanities		3 Social Science (outside of major)	3
Behavioral Science		3 Elective - A&S Diversity	3
		15	16-18

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Major Elective		3 Major Elective	3
Second language II		4-6 Second language III (if needed)	3-4
Biological/Physical/Mathematical Science		3 Behavioral Science 2000+	3
Social Science 2000+ (outside of major)		3 Humanities	3
Elective		3 Elective Writing Intensive	3
		16-18	15-16

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
POL_SC 4320		3 PUB_AF 4420	3
Biological/Physical Science with Lab		2-5 Communication Core Course	3
Humanities		3 Biological/Physical/Mathematical Science	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
		14-17	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Major Elective 3000+ Writing Intensive		3 Major Elective	3
Communication Core Course		3 Major Elective	3
Elective 3000+		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
		15	15

Total Credits: 121-129