

BA in Public Administration and Policy

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts 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 studies 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 (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://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, PUB_AF 4420W, POL_SC 4320, POL_SC 4320W, COMMUN 4473, COMMUN 4476, or COMMUN 4478)

| Major Core Curriculum | | 15 |
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| PUB_AF 1000 | Principles of Public Policy Administration | 3 |
| PUB_AF 4420 or PUB_AF 4420W | Program Assessment and Improvement Program Assessment and Improvement-Writing Intensive | 3 |
| POL_SC 4320 or POL_SC 4320W | Public Policy Public Policy - Writing Intensive | 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 2000-level or higher (9 credit hours minimum) | | 9 |
| PUB_AF 2940 | Truman School Internship § | 1-12 |
| PUB_AF 4001 | Topics in Public Affairs | 3 |
| PUB_AF 4175 | Early Childhood Policy | 3 |
| PUB_AF 4340 | Regional and Economic Development Policy | 3 |

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| 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 |
| ABM 2070 or ABM 2070W | Environmental Economics and Policy Environmental Economics and Policy - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ABM 3230 | Agricultural and Rural Economic Policy | 3 |
| ABM 3272 | International Food Trade and Policy | 3 |
| ABM 4360 | Energy Markets and Regulation | 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 or ECONOM 3367W | Law and Economics Law and Economics - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4311 or ECONOM 4311W | Labor Economics Labor Economics - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4315 or ECONOM 4315W | Public Economics Public Economics - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4316 | State and Local Finance | 3 |
| ECONOM 4317 or ECONOM 4317W | Urban Economics Urban Economics - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4318 or ECONOM 4318W | Economics of Environmental Regulation and Climate Change Economics of Environmental Regulation and Climate Change - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4340 | Introduction to Game Theory | 3 |
| ECONOM 4345 or ECONOM 4345W | Economics of Education Economics of Education - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4357 or ECONOM 4357W | Health Economics Health Economics - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ECONOM 4846 or ECONOM 4846W | Economics of Discrimination Economics of Discrimination - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ENV_SC 4400 or ENV_SC 4400W | Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| ENV_SC 4600 or ENV_SC 4600W | Sustainability Science Problem Solving Sustainability Science Problem Solving - Writing Intensive | 3 |
| 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 3700 or P_HLTH 3700 | Health Care in the United States Health Care in the United States | 3 |
| NAT_R 4353 | Natural Resource Policy/Administration | 3 |
| POL_SC 2150 | How Government Affects You | 3 |
| POL_SC 2940 | Truman School Internship § | 1-12 |
| POL_SC 4140 | Congress and Legislative Policy | 3 |
| POL_SC 4370 | Law, Policy, and Regulation | 3 |

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| 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 Policys - Writing Intensive | |
| PRST 4310 | Fundraising and Grants Proposal Writing | 3 |
| 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 3000-level or higher 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 PUB_AF 2940, POL_SC 2940, 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 (<https://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 Communication (BA) (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/communication/ba-communication/>), Economics (BS), (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/economics/bs-economics/>) Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/politicalscience/ba-political-science/>), Public Administration and Policy (BA) (p. 1), and Sociology (BA) (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/sociology/ba-sociology/>) 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 for Public Administration and Policy majors during the 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

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| 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 |