PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BA

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Advising Requirement
Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools
Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration provides training for careers in public service or nonprofit organizations. The mission of the public administration program is to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills of current and future managers in government, nonprofit, and health care organizations.

Grading Requirement
All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 37 units
Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course | Title | Units
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Public Administration Foundation
PDAM 260 | Introduction to Public Administration | 3
PDAM 477W | Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar (W) | 3
POLS 331W | Introduction to Research Methods (W) | 4
Select five of the following: | 15
PDAM 462 | Organizational Theory | 1
PDAM 471 | Public Policy Formation | 1
PDAM 474 | Public Personnel Administration | 1
PDAM 475 | Public Budgeting and Finance | 1
POLS 402 | State and Local Government | 1
POLS 421 | Applied Research Methods | 1
Theoretical Foundation
Select one of the following: | 3
POLS 432 | American Political Thought | 1
POLS 434 | Origins of Western Political Thought | 1
POLS/AFAM 435 | Black Political Thought | 1
POLS 437 | Contemporary Political Thought | 1
Electives
Select nine units from the following: | 9
CRIM 250 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 1
CRIM 476 | Police Administration and Management | 1
INTR 344 | U.S. Foreign Policy | 1
INTR 346 | International Organizations and NGO's | 1

Total Units 37

1 PDAM 462, PDAM 471, PDAM 474, PDAM 475, POLS 402, or POLS 421 may be used to satisfy one elective requirement if not used above in the major core.

2 Only a total of six units of PDAM 489A, PDAM 489P, and POLS 493 may be counted toward the requirements of the major.

Electives Requirement
To complete the total units required for the bachelor’s degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

See Bachelor’s Degree Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units
See General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/) and the Class Schedule (http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

One of the following GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) courses is recommended to support the student in the public administration major:

• MATH 105 Introduction to Statistics
• MATH 185 Data Analytics for Social Good
Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units
You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement
Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- PADM 477W Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.