

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

INTR 412	Comparative Political Institutions	
LEGL 365W	Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice (W)	
LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints	
LEGL 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
LEGL 461	Environmental Politics and Policy	
LEGL 464	Administrative Law	
LEGL 468	Planning Law	
PADM 405/ PHHA 435	Health Care Policy and Politics	
PADM 462	Organizational Theory ¹	
PADM 471	Public Policy Formation ¹	
PADM 474	Public Personnel Administration ¹	
PADM 475	Public Budgeting and Finance ¹	
PADM 489A	Internship in Public Administration ²	
PADM 489P	Work or Community Experience in Selected Governmental or Community Agencies ²	
PHHA 579W	Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies (W)	
POLS 402	State and Local Government ¹	
POLS 421	Applied Research Methods ¹	
POLS 472	The Presidency	
POLS 473	Congress	
POLS 493	Community Research ²	
Total Units		37

¹ PADM 462, PADM 471, PADM 474, PADM 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 PADM 489A, PADM 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.