

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (PADM)

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PADM 260 Introduction to Public Administration 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

Provides an overview of public administration, integrating theoretical lenses, historical context, and current practices. Examines the cultural, economic, and political dimensions of the public sector along with the role of public service practitioners in a democratic society. Students gain an understanding of the field's components, real-world applications, and career pathways in areas such as public safety, healthcare, environmental stewardship, place-based planning and development, and human infrastructure. 3 hours lecture. (022246)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

PADM 405 Health Care Policy and Politics 3 Units

Prerequisite: PHHA 331.

Typically Offered: Spring only

An analysis of the political forces, both private and public, which have an impact upon the health industry in the United States. Focusing on problems related to the delivery of health care, the course will cover such issues as availability, accessibility, appropriateness, acceptance, accounting, and alternatives. 3 hours seminar. (001587)

Cross listing(s): PHHA 435

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 462 Organizational Theory 3 Units

Prerequisite: PADM 260 or concurrent enrollment.

Typically Offered: Spring only

An intensive examination of the theory and research on organizational design, with an emphasis on applications of the theories. Focus is on how organizations develop structures to meet various internal (e.g., size, technology) and external (e.g., stakeholders, uncertainty) demands. 3 hours lecture. (007597)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 471 Public Policy Formation 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

Critical examination of the process of policy formation in American governments. Relationship of executive, legislative, and judicial branches in policy formation. A significant policy area will be examined, with emphasis on both statutory and constitutional bases and the social/political factors influencing policy development. 3 hours lecture. (007607)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 474 Public Personnel Administration 3 Units

Typically Offered: Spring only

A survey of the processes of recruiting and managing personnel in the public service. The philosophy of public personnel administration, organization for personnel administration, history and evolution of the career system, comparative modern structures, and general processes of personnel. Both traditional and behavioral literature. 3 hours lecture. (007593)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 475 Public Budgeting and Finance 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

A survey of the theory and practice of public budgeting and finance in the United States. Explores relevant macroeconomic concepts including fiscal and monetary policies as they pertain to budget forecasting and planning. Students investigate the budget as a fiscal policy instrument and examine the politics of the budgetary processes within legislative bodies on the federal and state levels, while also addressing challenges in local and organizational budgeting. Through theoretical insights and practical case studies, students analyze the multifaceted nature of public budgeting and its role in effective public administration. 3 hours lecture. (007594)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 477W Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar (W) 3 Units W

Typically Offered: Spring only

An examination of the approaches, models, methods, and concepts of public policy analysis, with special emphasis on program evaluation, research methodologies, implementation problems, and policy evaluation models. Recommended for political science and public administration majors and minors. 3 hours lecture. (007608)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course

PADM 489A Internship in Public Administration 1-15 Units

Prerequisite: 3.0 cumulative GPA and faculty permission.

Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall

Work experience in selected governmental agencies supervised by faculty members and the staff of the cooperating agencies. 0 hours independent study. (007614)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

PADM 489P Work or Community Experience in Selected Governmental or Community Agencies 1-15 Units

Prerequisite: Senior standing, faculty permission.

Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall

Credit for previously acquired work or community experience. Such credit determined by the Internship Coordinator, dependent upon length of service and experience. 0 hours independent study. (007623)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division