

B.A. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Required Courses		
		9
POL 201	Introduction to American National Government	
POL 319	Politics of the Administrative Process	
POL 321	Introduction to Public Policy	
Politics, Social, Economic, and Legal		
Choose 2 courses from the following:		6
POL 315	American Presidency	
POL 318	Economics for Politics and Public Administration	
POL 320	Politics of Growth Management	
POL 335	Democracy in Action: Local Government Simulation	
POL 342	State Government and Politics	
POL 343	Government in Metropolitan Areas	
POL 393	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
POL 526	Administrative Law	
POL 531	Global Environmental Politics	
POL 536	U.S. Health Care Crisis: Politics and Policies	
POL 545	Environmental Policy Making	
POL 548	Civic Participation and Democracy	
POL 572	Government and Business	
POL 596	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
Analytical Tools and Communication Skills		
Choose 2 courses from the following:		6
POL 351	Public Opinion	
POL 393	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
POL 510	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration ²	
POL 517	Introductory Statistical Methods in Political Science ²	
POL 518	Advanced Statistical Methods in Political Science	
POL 519	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science	
POL 534	Applied Policy Analysis	
POL 546	Public Policy Process and Implementation	
POL 596	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
Management of Public Organizations		
Choose 2 courses from the following:		6
POL 393	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
POL 501	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	
POL 503	Organizational Dynamics and Management	
POL 521	Public Affairs Internship	
POL 523	Problems in Public and Non-Profit Management	
POL 524	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	
POL 540	Human Resource Management in Public Service	
POL 551	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	
POL 555	Total Quality Public Service Management: Achieving High Performance Government	
POL 556	Politics and Ethics	
POL 557	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business, and Non-Profit Organizations	
POL 558	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	
POL 596	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	

Comparative Governance		
Choose 1 course from the following:		3
POL 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POL 385	Politics and Society in Latin America	
POL 393	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
POL 525	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	
POL 569	LGBTI Politics	
POL 571	Sex, Babies, and the State	
POL 581	Comparative Political Economy of Post-Industrial Democracies	
POL 582	International Development Policy	
POL 596	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law ¹	
General Education Requirements		
Written Communication Skills:		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	
WRS 106 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II Writing About Literature and Culture	
Quantitative Skills:		
MTH 113	Finite Mathematics [#]	
Areas of Knowledge:		
Arts and Humanities Cognate		9
People & Society Cognate (9 credits) (fulfilled through the major)		
STEM Cognate		9
Additional Requirements		9
Language Requirement		3-9
Minor Requirement		15
Electives		39
Total Credit Hours		120

* A minimum grade of C- in all courses offered by the department is required.

** A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses offered by the department is required.

*** A minimum of 21 credits must be earned in residency in the Department, thus a maximum of 9 credits can be transferred from other institutions as eligible credit for the Public Administration major.

The Quantitative Skills Proficiency Requirement helps students learn to use quantitative skills and tools to solve problems, including the interpretation, manipulation, and application of quantitative data. Students fulfill this requirement by completing either a Department of Mathematics course numbered MTH 108 (<https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=MTH%20108>) Precalculus Mathematics II or higher, MTH 113 (<https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=MTH%20113>) Finite Mathematics (recommended for non-STEM majors), or a statistics course approved by the student's college/school and the University Curriculum Committee in consultation with appropriate academic units.

¹ Select POL 393 or 596 Courses may count with advisor approval

² A student may not count both POL 510 and POL 517 toward the major.

Mission

The Department of Political Science mission is to foster a community of scholars and students that encourages the quest for a deeper understanding of politics and develops a personal commitment to lifelong learning, intellectual growth, and civic responsibility. The Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration at the University of Miami provides the student a comprehensive understanding of the challenges facing those in the public service with special emphasis-on administrative and managerial functions of government.

Goals

Through the study of public administration, our graduates will develop the skills and techniques necessary to serve as effective leaders and managers. They will be trained to effectively, efficiently, and equitably translate public policies into public programs and projects. Public administration coursework includes a comprehensive treatment of the broad political, social, economic and legal environment that serves as the context for government administration. The program stresses theory, research, and practice. The program builds on arts and science foundations to develop analytical and communication skill and a deep understanding of the management of public organizations. The public administration program prepares students for a range of careers in public service and provides them with a solid foundation for additional education in graduate or professional schools.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of public administration concepts.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform social science research independently, analyze evidence and arguments critically, and draw reasoned conclusions.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate theoretical concepts and empirical findings clearly.