



**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration prepares the next generation of civic-minded leaders to take active roles in organizations that promote the common good, such as local, state, and federal government agencies and nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. Coursework explores the history and values of public service while building real-world capacity in areas such as leading people and managing resources, designing and evaluating programs, collaborating with others and across sectors, making ethical decisions, and communicating effectively in diverse environments.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

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**How to schedule an advising appointment:** Current undergraduate public administration students can schedule an advising appointment through Navigate. Prospective students, students wishing to change their major to public administration, and public administration minor students should email [spa.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:spa.advising@ucdenver.edu) for an advising appointment.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

All CU Denver Public Administration students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete all college and major requirements
4. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 hours in residence at CU Denver
5. Terminal Residency: 21 out of the last 30 hours in residence at CU Denver

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

**Students are responsible for meeting with their academic advisor in their department to confirm major requirements. This document is not an official record of degree progress.** Students completing the Public Administration B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division credit hours, 27 of which must be Public Administration courses offered by the School of Public Affairs.
2. Complete 24 credit hours of Public Administration electives, 15 of which must be Public Administration (PUAD) courses offered by the School of Public Affairs, and 12 of which may be taken from other departments with advisor approval.
3. Receive a minimum C- grade in each undergraduate course applied to satisfy major or minor degree requirements and maintain a 2.0 GPA overall in major or minor courses.
4. Complete three courses from the Social Sciences area of the CU Denver Core Curriculum, one of which must be PUAD 1001.

Courses	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
<b>Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework</b>	<b>34-38</b>	<a href="#">Review the CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements.</a>
<b>School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>6-16</b>	
Additional Social Sciences	3	SPA students must complete 3 Social Science courses from the Core
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Foreign Language	0-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
<b>Public Administration Major Core</b>	<b>24</b>	
PUAD 1001 - Introduction to Leadership and Public Service	3	<i>Course also fulfills the social science core requirement.</i>
PUAD 2001 - Management for Public Service	3	
PUAD 3001 - Financial Management for Public Service	3	
PUAD 3002 - Program Design, Evaluation & Decision-Making	3	
PUAD 4001 - Ethics in Public Service	3	
PUAD 4002 - Leading for the Public Good	3	
PUAD 4003 - Effective Communication for Public Service	3	
PUAD 4939 - Public Service internship: Required for all Public Administration majors unless waived. Students must apply to the internship course in the semester before they hope to enroll and obtain permission from their advisor and the instructor prior to enrolling.	3	Prerequisite: PUAD 1001 plus any other 2000-level (or higher) PUAD course, a GPA of 2.0, and a minimum of 15 UCD credit hours completed.

<b>Public Administration Major Electives (Select at least eight courses from the following)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Note: This list of electives is not exhaustive. More PUAD electives may be available.</b>
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PUAD 3110 - Seminar in Nonprofit Management	3	Required for <b>Nonprofit Management Concentration</b>
PUAD 4140 - Nonprofit Financial Management	3	Required for <b>Nonprofit Management Concentration</b>
<b>Select 3 of the following courses for the Nonprofit Management concentration:</b>	9	
• PUAD 3005 - Collaboration Across Sectors		
• PUAD 4020 - Social Entrepreneurship		
• PUAD 4160 - Nonprofit Boards and Executive Leadership		
• PUAD 4628/4600 - Urban Social Problems		
• PUAD 4600 - Special Topics: Study Abroad in East Africa		
PUAD 4220 - Human Resource Management	3	
PUAD 4006 - Organizational Development	3	
PUAD 4008 - Current Issues in Public Sector Organizations	3	
PUAD 4009 - Human Service Organizations	3	
PUAD 4012 - Principles of Emergency Management	3	
PUAD 4440 - Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	3	
<b>Note for Major Electives</b>	0-9	Up to 9 elective credits, out of the 24 credits required, may be from other departments with advisor approval.
<b>General Electives</b>	<b>18-32</b>	The number of general electives vary depending on what each student needs in order to complete 120 credits, 45 of which must be upper division.

#### SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double majors. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and must meet with the faculty advisor in their department to confirm degree requirements. Students must earn 120 credits minimum.**

Year One	Semester 1	CRS
	PUAD 1001	3
	ENGL 1020	3
	CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
	CU Denver Core ARTS	3
	General Elective / UNIV 1110: College Success	1-3

Year One	Semester 2	CRS
	PUAD 2001	3
	MATH 1010, MATH 1110, or MATH 2830	4
	ENGL 2030	3
	CU Denver Core HUMANITIES	3
	CU Denver Core BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3

Year Two	Semester 3	CRS
	PUAD 3001	3
	Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (non-lab)	3
	Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
	General elective	3

Year Two	Semester 4	CRS
	PUAD 3002	3
	PUAD 3110 - Seminar in Nonprofit Management	3
	CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL	3
	Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
	General elective	3

Year Three	Semester 5	CRS
	PUAD 4939 <sup>PE</sup>	3
	PUAD 4140 - Nonprofit Financial Management	3
	PUAD Elective	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (with lab)	4
	General Elective	3

Year Three	Semester 6	CRS
	PUAD 4001	3
	PUAD NPM Elective	3
	CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY	3
	Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
	PUAD Elective	3

Year Four	Semester 7	CRS
	PUAD 4002	3
	PUAD NPM Elective	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3-4

Year Four	Semester 8	CRS
	PUAD 4003	3
	PUAD NPM Elective	3
	PUAD Elective	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
	General Elective	3-4

Major Course Available    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended

The number of credits per semester will vary depending on course selection. Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits. This document is not an official record of degree requirements or degree progress. Students must consult their degree audit.