

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.S. PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
FALL 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the public policy and administration major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a public policy and administration degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3	Stat 230, Econ 245, Psych 215 or Sociology 295	3
Political Science 141 American Gov't and Politics	3	Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3	U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1	General Education elective	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1		
Total Credits	14	Total Credits	15

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encourage to provide test scores prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration).

Opportunities: Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume. Some clubs that may be of particular interest to students with a Public Policy and Administration major include: Law Society, Political Science Student Association (PSSA), Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), or DECA.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 220 Intro to Public Administration	3	Economics 202 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics	3	ITSCM 280 Introduction to Information Systems	3
Accounting 244 Introduction to Financial Accounting	3	Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3	University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3	General Education elective	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	16-17

Notes: To graduate with a Public Policy and Administration major, students must maintain a 2.25 grade point average (GPA) within the major. Students get to choose a 15-unit concentration in the major. While students can choose any courses approved in the concentrations, courses are grouped in the following themes: Management and Personnel, Public Policy and Community Development, and Criminal Justice and Legal Affairs.

Opportunities: Undergraduate research is not required as part of the public policy and administration program but is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 344 State and Local Government	3	PWP 372 Technical Writing or 435 Grant Writing	3
Management 301 Organizational Behavior	3	Political Science 330 Public Policy Analysis and Advocacy	3
Major Concentration course	3	Major Concentration course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	Elective course	3
General Education elective	3	Elective course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: An internship (Political Science 493) is required as part of the public policy and administration program. This experiential learning opportunity provides students with experience in their career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship at the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Opportunities: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a minor or certificate without extending time to degree. The College of Letters and Sciences offers 17 certificates to include Advocacy and Lobbying, Diversity Leadership, Applied Research, Interdisciplinary Ethics, Professional Writing and Publishing, Web Site Development and Administration, and LGBTQ Studies. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 493 Internship in Political Science	3	Political Science 489 Seminar in Public Administration	3
Major Concentration course	3	Major Concentration course	3
Major Concentration course	3	Elective course	3
Elective course	3	Elective course	3
Elective course	3	Elective course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

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