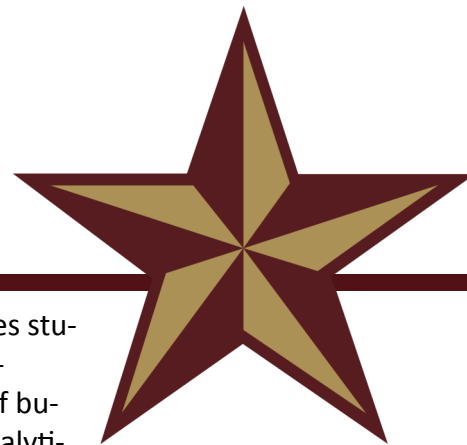


Public Administration

What can I do with this degree?



Public Administration is a field of academic study that prepares students for implementation of governmental policy as civil servants. The program is designed to provide an understanding of bureaucratic organizations, to encourage and develop critical analytical skills, and to apply those skills in the application and evaluation of public policy. This major is suited for students who enjoy Political Science, Business Administration, and Economics but also have strong interests in public policy and service.

Skills

Policy/ Protocol Implementation

Crisis Management	Regulations Compliance
Decision Making	Financial Problem Solving
Leadership & Service Organization	Budget Projection
Professionalism	Precision
Program Development	Communication
Media & Public Relations	Cost Efficiency
	Team Worker

Degrees Offered at Texas State University

- Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of Public Affairs (MPAff)

Areas of Specialization

- Economic Policy
- Public Finance
- Education, Employment, & Workforce Training
- Energy and Environment
- Global Policy and Security
- Health Policy
- Non-profit Management
- Philanthropy and Public Service
- Urban Policy and Governance
- Grant Writing
- Government

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

Sample Job Titles

- City Manager
- City Planner
- Policy Advisor
- Budget Analyst
- Economic Development Director
- Public Affairs Director
- Auditor/ Regulations
- Grant Writer
- Public Relations Consultant
- Legislator
- Crime Research/ Analyst
- Employee Development Specialist
- Employee Relations Specialists
- Human Resources Specialist
- Public Affairs Director
- Public Relations Consultant
- Management Consultant
- Grant Writer
- Government Liaison
- Volunteer Coordinator

Possible Work Settings

- State Departments

- Legislative Reference Services
- Bill Drafting Services
- Legislative Councils
- Legislative Agencies
- General Accounting Office
- Library of Congress
- Government Printing Office
- Congressional Budget Office
- Charitable Organizations
- Contracting/ Consulting Firms
- Association Management Firms
- Political Action Committees (PACs)
- Lobby Organizations
- Political Parties
- Research Organizations
- Administrative Services
- Judiciary
- Local Government
 - *City Management
 - *Financial Administration
 - *Budget Analysis
 - *General Services
 - *Community Affairs
 - *Social Services
 - *Counties
 - *Municipalities
 - *Townships
 - *School Districts
 - *Special Districts
- Federal Reserve Bank
- Legal Departments
- Corporations
- Consulting Firms
- Legal Offices

Student Organizations

- Pi Alpha Alpha– Public Administration Honors Society, www.naspaa.org/initiatives/honor.asp

- Pi Sigma Alpha– Political Science Honors Society, www.polisci.txstate.edu/people/organizations/psa

Professional Organizations

- American Society for Public Administration, www.aspanet.org
- National Academy of Public Administration, www.napawash.org
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, www.naspaa.org
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, www.appam.org
- Alliance for Nonprofit Management, www.allianceonline.org
- International City/ County Management Association, www.icma.org
- National Forum for Black Public Administrators, www.nfbpa.org

Job Search Sites

- Public Service Careers, www.publicservicecareers.org
- Administration Jobs, www.administrationjobs.com/public-administration-jobs
- Opportunity Knocks (nonprofit), www.opportunityknocks.org
- International City/ County Management Association, www.icma.org
- USA Jobs, www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads
- Roll Call Jobs, www.rcjobs.com

Other Resources

- PublicAdministration.net
- United Nations Public Administration Network, www.unpan.org
- Public Administration Theory Network, patheory.org

Career Library Resources

- Occupational Outlook Handbook

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