BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ENTRY OR ADVANCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
There’s a reason *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the CU Denver School of Public Affairs as the top public affairs school in Colorado, and among the best in the nation.

We combine world-class faculty, an urban setting that creates opportunities for experiential learning, innovative programs and flexible schedules.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Service degree, offered fully online, provides flexibility to schedule courses around the reality of family and work demands. Yet, local and online students have opportunities to participate in public service and advocacy activities. This degree prepares the next generation of leaders and managers to govern, to protect, and to make decisions that promote the best interests of our communities.

Our faculty, lecturers and guest professors have years of experience and are fully prepared to champion student success in online courses. Furthermore, the program combines coursework with real-world experiences to provide opportunities for students to contribute to something they care about and to prepare students for meaningful work.

CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE
The Bachelor of Arts in Public Service provides the skills and content knowledge to work in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and the emerging fourth sector that blends social and environmental concerns with business approaches. Graduates are prepared to work in analytic and management positions, program development and implementation, and human resources and leadership positions. Public service is unique in that informed and talented individuals are called upon to resolve unmet needs and address challenging issues in a variety of roles across sectors.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) notes 25 percent of all jobs are in the government or nonprofit sectors. In its 2012-2022 employment projections, the BLS reported occupations that require postsecondary education are expected to grow faster than occupations requiring less education. The health and social assistance sector is projected to add 5.0 million jobs by 2022. With 30 percent of government employees eligible to retire by 2016, workforce demand will only increase.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Flexible, online program
- Five-year dual BAPS/MPA option for top students
- Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential can be earned through the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance
- Innovative approach to student engagement ensuring online students feel “local”

School of Public Affairs Rankings

- Our online Master of Public Administration program was recently ranked 15th nationally by *Top Management Degrees*
- CU Denver School of Public Affairs ranked 13th on a list of “most innovative public service schools” by *Best Value Schools*
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked our online MCJ program 12th nationally

Accreditation

- CU Denver is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Cost

- Colorado residents pay approximately $400 per credit hour.
- Many student fees are waived for online-only students.
- Students who live outside of Colorado and take all courses online are eligible for a discount on the non-resident tuition rate.
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CURRICULUM

All BAPS students must complete the following common required core courses:

- PUAD 1001 Introduction to Public Service
- PUAD 2001 Management for Public Service
- PUAD 3001 Financial Management for Public Service
- PUAD 3002 Program Design, Evaluation, and Decision-Making
- PUAD 4001 Ethics in Public Service
- PUAD 4002 Leading for the Public Good
- PUAD 4003 Effective Communication for Public Service
- and, the CU Denver campus core curriculum

In addition to the required core courses, students can choose from a wide range of electives on topics such as:

- PUAD 4006 Organizational Development
- PUAD 4009 Human Service Organizations
- PUAD 4010 Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Students also have the opportunity to earn the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential through our partnership with the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Campus. Nonprofit electives include:

- PUAD 3004 Managing Nonprofit Organizations
- PUAD 3005 Collaboration Across Sectors
- PUAD 4004 Building Financial Support for Nonprofit Organizations
- PUAD 4007 Governance, Staff, and Volunteer Management
- PUAD 4020 Social Entrepreneurship

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission consideration for both in-state and out-of-state students is based primarily upon:

- Quality and number of high school courses (units) attempted (a rigorous academic program of study is preferred)
- The admission index, a numeric score calculated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, based on GPA or rank in class and ACT or SAT test scores.
- Optional personal essay and letters of recommendation. Though not required, a personal statement or essay and/or letters of recommendation may be considered in the admissions review process.

- Complete the online application and pay the required application fee
- Request an official high school transcript (if applicable, official GED test scores or official college transcript) be mailed to the CU Denver Office of Admissions
- Request ACT or SAT scores be sent directly to the CU Denver Office of Admissions
- Transfer students must have a minimum 2.4 cumulative GPA, but anyone with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA may be considered

Materials should be sent to:
University of Colorado Denver
Office of Admissions, Campus Box 167
PO Box 173364
Denver, CO 80217-3364

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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