

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Service, offered by the School of Public Affairs, 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. All courses are available online, providing students with the flexibility to schedule courses around the reality of family and work demands while also engaging both local and fully online students in public service opportunities in their own communities. Students who choose to focus on nonprofit management also have the option to earn the nationally recognized Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential through the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. As workforce demand increases in the government and nonprofit sectors, students will be ready to apply critical thinking and analytical skills to make a difference in the world.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver Public Service 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

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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 Service B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum 45 upper-division hours of upper-division (3000-level or above) coursework.
2. Complete 24 credit hours of Public Service electives, 12 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. Up to 12 credit hours of transfer coursework *may* apply to the Public Service major.
4. Receive a minimum C- grade in each undergraduate course applied to satisfy major degree requirements and maintain a 2.0 GPA overall in major courses.
5. Complete three courses from the Social Sciences area of the CU Denver Core Curriculum, one of which must be PUAD 1001.

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework	34-38	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum</a>
School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements	6-16	
Additional Social Sciences	3	
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Foreign Language	0-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
Public Service Major Core	21	
PUAD 1001 - Introduction to Leadership and Public Service	3	This course counts towards the Core Social Science requirement
PUAD 2001 - Management for Public Service	3	
PUAD 3001 - Financial Management for Public Service	3	
PUAD 3002 - Program Design, Evaluation, and 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	
Public Service Major Electives (Select at least eight courses from the following)	24	
PUAD 3005 - Collaboration Across Sectors	3	<i>Counts as 1 of the 3 electives needed for the Nonprofit Management Concentration</i>

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Courses (Public Service Electives, continued)	Credits	Notes
PUAD 3110 Seminar in Nonprofit Management	3	Required for Nonprofit Management Concentration
PUAD 4006 - Organizational Development	3	
PUAD 4008 - Current Issues in Public Sector Organizations	3	
PUAD 4009 - Human Service Organizations	3	
PUAD 4010 - Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security	3	
PUAD 4020 - Social Entrepreneurship	3	Counts as 1 of the 3 electives needed for the Nonprofit Management Concentration
PUAD 4140 Nonprofit Financial Management	3	Required for Nonprofit Management Concentration
PUAD 4160 Nonprofit Boards and Executive Leadership	3	Counts as 1 of the 3 electives needed for the Nonprofit Management Concentration
PUAD 4600 Social Problems and Policies in the Urban Environment	3	Counts as 1 of the 3 electives needed for the Nonprofit Management Concentration
PUAD 4939 - Public Service Internship. Required for all Public Service majors unless waived. Students must work with CU Denver's Experiential Learning Center to enroll in PUAD 4939.	3	Prerequisite: Successful completion of PUAD 1001 plus any other 2000 level (or higher) PUAD course, a cumulative GPA of 2.0, and a minimum of 15 CU Denver credit hours completed.
Note for Major Electives	0-12	Up to 12 elective credits, out of the 24 credits required, may be from other departments with advisor approval in advance of enrollment.
General Electives	24-39	Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with a CRJU degree. A minimum of 45 credits must be at 3000-level or above. The number of general electives will vary greatly depending on what each student needs in order to complete 120 credits, 45 of which must be upper-division. The credits listed here are intended to give students a general idea but are not a minimum or maximum amount. Students will work with their academic advisor to determine how many general electives they need.

### 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

Semester 2		CRS
PUAD 2001		3
MATH 1010 or MATH 2830		3
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 course		3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (non-lab)		3
	Foreign Language / General Elective		3-5
General elective		3	

Semester 4		CRS
PUAD 3002		3
PUAD Elective		3
CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES		3
Foreign Language / General Elective		3-5
General elective		3

Year Three	Semester 5		CRS
	PUAD 4939		3
	PUAD Elective		3
	Minor/ General Elective		3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (with lab)		4
PUAD Elective		3	

Semester 6		CRS
PUAD 4001		3
PUAD Elective		3
CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY		3
Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE course		3
PUAD Elective		3

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

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