PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Public Administration degrees allow students to engage with communities in building their future. Specifically, we prioritize commitments to public and social issues, develop the capacity for organizations to help individuals reach their goals, and allow you to hone your own skills for leadership, management, collaboration, budgeting, and evaluation. Coursework explores the history and values of public service, while building real-world skills in areas such as managing people and resources, designing and evaluating programs, conducting human resources functions, collaborating with others and across sectors, making ethical decisions and communicating effectively in diverse environments. Major courses are offered primarily online, although students may complete non-major courses in-person, online, or through a combination of both. Students may also choose to earn one or more of the following certificates: Leadership, Equity, Advocacy and Policy, Strategic and Collaborative Management, and/or Public and Nonprofit Management. Highly qualified, eligible undergraduate students are provided with the unique opportunity to begin working on their Master of Public Administration or Master of Public Policy degree as an undergraduate in our Pathways BA/MPA or BA/MPP program.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

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Phone: 303-315-0021
Office Location: 1380 Lawrence St., Suite 525, Denver, CO 80204
Advising Hours: By appointment

How to schedule an advising appointment:
Current undergraduate public administration students can schedule an academic advising appointment through our online scheduling system. Prospective students, students wishing to change their major to public administration, and those interested in public administration can email 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 15 credit hours of Public Administration electives, 9 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
Course prerequisites may 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**	View the CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements.
School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements	**6-16**	
Additional Social Sciences	3	SPA students must complete 3 Social Science courses total from the Core.
Additional Social Sciences	3	
Foreign Language	0-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
Public Administration Major Core	**33**	
PUAD 1001 - Why We Care About Government, Nonprofits…	3	Also fulfills Social Science Core requirement.
PUAD 2002 - Policy and Advocacy	3	
PUAD 3001 - Project Management and Program Evaluation	3	
PUAD 3002 - Organizational and Strategic Management	3	
PUAD 3600 - International and Global Organizations	3	
PUAD 4002 - Leading and Engaging for the Public Good	3	
PUAD 4003 - Strategic Communications for Public Engagement	3	
PUAD 4011 - Community Resilience, Climate, and Emergency Response	3	*Required courses continue on next page*

	CRS	
PUAD 4220 - Human Resources and Talent Management	3	PUAD 1001 should be taken before PUAD 4220
PUAD 4939 - Public Service internship *Required for all Public Administration majors unless waived*	3	Students prepare one semester in advance for internship.
PUAD 4941 – Integrating Professional Public Administration	3	This project-based course is to be completed in the student's final semester of their bachelor's degree.
Public Administration Major Electives (Select five courses from the following)	**15**	Note: This list of electives is not exhaustive. More PUAD electives may be available.
Course prerequisites may change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information.		
PUAD 3005 - Collaboration Across Sectors	3	
PUAD 3110 - Seminar in Nonprofit Management	3	
PUAD 3400 - What Communities Tell Us: Stakeholders…	3	
PUAD 3500 - Managing and Leading Environmental Orgs.	3	
PUAD 4003 – Human Rights and Social Equity		
PUAD 4020 - Social Entrepreneurship	3	
PUAD 4140 - Nonprofit Financial Management	3	
PUAD 4440 - Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	3	
PUAD 4628 - Social Problems in the Urban Environment	3	
PUAD 4260 – Managing for Social Equity	3	
PUAD 4630 – Economic Development	3	
PUAD 4638 - Colorado Politics, Policy, and Administration	3	
Note for Major Electives	0-9	Up to 9 credits, out of the 15 credits required, may be from other departments with advisor approval.
General Electives	**18-32**	The number of general electives varies depending on what each student needs 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 academic advisor in their department to confirm degree requirements. Students must earn 120 credits minimum.**

YEAR ONE

Year One	Semester 1	CRS		Semester 2	CRS
	PUAD 1001	3		PUAD 2002	3
	ENGL 1020	3		MATH 1010, MATH 1110, or MATH 2830	4
	CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3		ENGL 2030	3
	CU Denver Core ARTS	3		CU Denver Core HUMANITIES	3
	General Elective / UNIV 1110: College Success	1-3		CU Denver Core BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3

YEAR TWO

Year Two	Semester 3	CRS		Semester 4	CRS
	PUAD 3002	3		PUAD 3001	3
	Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3		PUAD Elective	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (non-lab)	3		CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE	3
	Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5		Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
	General elective	3		General elective	3

YEAR THREE

Year Three	Semester 5	CRS		Semester 6	CRS
	PUAD 4939[PE]	3		PUAD 3600	3
	PUAD 4002	3		PUAD Elective	3
	PUAD 4003	3		CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (with lab)	4		Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
	General Elective	3		PUAD Elective	3

YEAR FOUR

Year Four	Semester 7	CRS		Semester 8	CRS
	PUAD 4011	3		PUAD 4220[PR]	3
	PUAD Elective	3		PUAD 4941[PE]	3
	Minor / General Elective	3		PUAD Elective	3
	Minor / General Elective	3		Minor / General Elective	3
	General Elective	3-4		General Elective	3-4

[PE] *Prerequisite Enforced*   [PR] *Prerequisite Recommended*