

Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Prepare for the public sector

Gain an understanding of public policy and how it's implemented in government, nonprofit or public institutions with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. A versatile degree that can lead to government or non-government roles, the BSPA covers administrative management, civil leadership, business and governmental law, risk management, ethics, public programs, and public finance and budgeting.

In this BS in Public Administration program, you'll learn:

- Strategies to communicate with multiple stakeholders, elected officials and the public
- Integration of leadership, human resources, finances and ethics into public policy
- Concrete critical-thinking skills for identifying and solving organizational problems
- The basics of grant and proposal writing for federal, state and private funding

You can complete your BSPA in four years. And you'll take just one 5-week course at a time, so you can balance work and life on the path to your degree.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Bachelor of Science in Public Administration program, you can:

Earn your degree faster

Waive up to 12 credits if you have FBI National Academy training. Or apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit.

Gain real-world insight

Become familiar with administration principles directly relevant to public policy and its associated roles within your nonprofit or public sector industry.

Learn from experienced faculty

Taught by faculty with experience in public administration, our programs integrate real-world strategies and principles.

Projected job growth:

9%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for general and operations managers is projected to be 9percent between 2016 and 2026. A Bachelor of Science in Public Administration can help prepare you to be a:

- Operations manager
- Program manager
- Regulatory affairs manager

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your resumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, graduates should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Public Administration degree, you should be able to perform these [learning outcomes](#).

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

Institutional accreditation

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Course length:

5 weeks

Total credits required:

120

Max. number of transfer credits:

90

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this program. These may be earned through a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. [Transfer eligible college credits](#) or, if you have a certification such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, you can apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Core courses

- BPA341: Public Programs: Implement And Evaluate In A Dynamic Setting
- BPA201: Foundations Of Public Administration
- BPA300: Politics And Citizenship: The Public Policy Environment
- BPA371: Intergovernmental Relations
- BPA381: Public Administration Policy, Legal Issues, Law & Ethics
- BPA331: Financial Management For Non-profit Organizations
- BPA421: Organizational Behavior And Ethical Responsibility
- BPA441: Urban And Regional Planning
- BPA431: Leadership In The Public Sector
- BPA311: Principles Of Governmental Accounting
- BPA411: Public Finance: Sources, Management, And Reports
- BPA200: Public Sector Communications
- BPA351: Research In Public Administration
- BPA361: Grant Writing
- BPA221: Critical Thinking And Decision Making In The Public Sector
- BPA451: Capital Improvement Planning & Management
- BPA211: Foundations Of Federal, State, And Local Government
- BPA321: Personnel Management
- BPA410: Government And Non-profit Accounting
- BPA461: Contemporary Issues In Public Administration