

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration Degree



Approx. program length:

47 months

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

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Gain an understanding of public policy and how it's implemented in government, nonprofit or public institutions. Our Bachelor of Science in Public Administration degree prepares you for roles in both the public and private sectors and covers everything from civil leadership, business and governmental law to finance and budgeting.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Public Administration
- Management
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Budgeting

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Projected job growth:

12%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration Degree?

A BSPA can prepare you to be a:

- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Nonprofit Manager
- General Manager
- Operations Manager
- Regulatory Affairs Manager
- Program Manager

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for Social and Community Service Managers is projected to be much faster than average between 2021 and 2031.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

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Total credits required:

120

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

14 Core Courses

Here's where you'll pick up your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a public administration environment.

- SOC/110: Teamwork, Collaboration, and Conflict Resolution
- ETH/120: Cultural Diversity in the United States
- SCI/220T: Human Nutrition
- ENG/230: Mechanics of Writing
- POL/115: American National Government
- PSY/203T: Foundations of Psychology
- PSY/205T: Life Span Human Development
- REL/134: World Religious Traditions II
- ARTS/100: Introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts
- SOC/262: Contemporary American Society
- POL/215: State and Local Political Processes
- HUM/186: Media Influences on American Culture
- ETH/316: Ethics and Social Responsibility
- CJS/201: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- BPA/201: Foundations of Public Administration
- BPA/200: Public Sector Communications
- BPA/304: The Public Policy Environment
- BPA/321: Personnel Management
- BPA/332: Public Budgeting
- BPA/371: Intergovernmental Relations
- BPA/381: Public Administration Policy, Legal Issues, Law & Ethics
- BPA/382: Fiscal Management
- BPA/385: Research in Public Administration
- BPA/390: Program Implementation and Evaluation
- BPA/422: Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- BPA/441: Urban and Regional Planning
- BPA/445: Conflict Resolution and Risk Management
- BPA/451: Capital Improvement Planning & Management

12 General education courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in this field — they're useful in daily life.

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- GEN/201: Foundations for University Success
- PSY/110: Psychology of Learning
- ENG/110: English Composition I
- HUM/115: Critical Thinking in Everyday Life
- FP/100T: Everyday Economics and Finances
- ENG/210: English Composition II
- SOC/100: Introduction to Sociology
- ENV/100T: Principles of Environmental Science
- SCI/163T: Elements of Health and Wellness
- REL/133: World Religious Traditions I
- MTH/215T: Quantitative Reasoning I
- MTH/216T: Quantitative Reasoning II

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration.

What you'll learn

When you earn your bachelor's in public administration online, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You'll learn how to:

- Analyze public administration concepts
- Apply public administration management practices
- Analyze research methodologies for public administration
- Apply the ethical standards of public administration
- Examine fiduciary practices in public administration