



**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. The degree can be completed through a combination of online and in-person courses, or entirely 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. Highly-qualified, eligible undergraduate students are provided 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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**How to schedule an advising appointment:**

Current undergraduate public administration students can schedule an advising appointment through Civitas. Prospective students, students wishing to change their major to public administration, and public administration minor students should email [spa.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto: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 focused on nonprofit management.
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
<b>Course prerequisites may change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information.</b>		
<b>Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework</b>	<b>34-38</b>	<a href="#">View the CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements.</a>
<b>School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>6-16</b>	
Additional Social Sciences	3	SPA students must complete 3 Social Science courses total from the Core.
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Foreign Language	0-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
<b>Public Administration Major Core</b>	<b>33</b>	
PUAD 1001 - Why We Care About Government, Nonprofits, and the Public Good	3	<i>Course also fulfills social science core requirement.</i>
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 for the Public Good	3	
PUAD 4003 - Strategic Communications for Public engagement	3	<i>Required courses continued on next page</i>

PUAD 4011 - Community Resilience, Climate, Emergency...	3	
PUAD 4220 - Human Resources and Talent Management	3	<i>PUAD 1001 should be taken before PUAD 4220</i>
PUAD 4939 - Public Service internship: Required for all Public Administration majors unless waived. Students must prepare for their internship in the semester before they hope to enroll and obtain permission prior to enrolling.	3	Prerequisite: PUAD 1001 plus any other 2000-level (or higher) PUAD course, a GPA of 2.0, and a minimum of 15 UCD credit hours completed.
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.
<b>Public Administration Major Electives (Select five courses from the following)</b>	<b>15</b>	Note: This list of electives is not exhaustive. More PUAD electives may be available.
<b>Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information.</b>		
<b>PUAD 3110 - Seminar in Nonprofit Management</b>	3	<b>Required for Nonprofit Concentration</b>
<b>PUAD 4140 - Nonprofit Financial Management</b>	3	<b>Required for Nonprofit Concentration</b>
PUAD 3005 - Collaboration Across Sectors	3	
PUAD 3400 - What Communities Tell Us: Stakeholders...	3	
PUAD 4005 - Human Rights and Social Equity	3	
PUAD 4020 - Social Entrepreneurship	3	
PUAD 4160 - Nonprofit Boards and Executive Leadership	3	
PUAD 4628 - Social Problems in the Urban environment	3	
<b>Note for Major Electives</b>		All five PUAD elective courses must be focused on nonprofit organizations for the Nonprofit & Nongovernmental Organizations concentration.
<b>General Electives</b>	<b>18-32</b>	The number of general electives varies depending on what each student needs in order 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	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 2002	3
MATH 1010, MATH 1110, or MATH 2830	4
ENGL 2030	3
CU Denver Core HUMANITIES	3
CU Denver Core BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3

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

Semester 4	CRS
PUAD 3001	3
PUAD 3110	3
CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE	3
Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
General elective	3

Year Three	Semester 5	CRS
	PUAD 4939 <sup>PE</sup>	3
	PUAD 4002	3
	PUAD 4140	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (with lab)	4
	General Elective	3

Semester 6	CRS
PUAD 3600	3
PUAD Nonprofit Elective	3
CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY	3
Additional CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3
PUAD Nonprofit Elective	3

Year Four	Semester 7	CRS
	PUAD 4011	3
	PUAD 4003	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3-4

Semester 8	CRS
PUAD 4220 <sup>PR</sup>	3
PUAD 4941 <sup>PE</sup>	3
PUAD Nonprofit Elective	3
Minor / General Elective	3
General Elective	3-4

<sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced      <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended

The number of credits per semester will vary depending on course selection. Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits. This document is not an official record of degree requirements or degree progress. Students must consult their degree audit.