

# BS in Public Policy Administration, Emphasis in Public Administration

## Public Administration Emphasis Area

In addition to the core curriculum requirements for all BSPPA majors, students in the public administration emphasis area are required to complete the following courses:

POL SCI 2430	Public and Nonprofit Organizational Behavior	3
POL SCI 3420	Public and NonProfit Personnel Management	3
POL SCI 3440	Public and NonProfit Budgeting	3
<del>ACCTNG 2400</del>	<del>Fundamentals of Financial Accounting</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>Select two of the political science courses listed under policy and institutions courses below.</del>		<del>6</del>
<del>Select at least two additional elective courses chosen from among that list or any other political science offerings.</del>		<del>6</del>
POL SCI 3450	Urban Administration	3
Select at least one additional Political Science Course		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21 15</b>

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
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## Rationale

The Political Science Department has reviewed the Public Administration emphasis area and determined that it needed to be revised. The curriculum for the emphasis area was 21 credit hours, and the degree also includes 29-34 core hours--making this a 50-55 credit hour major. The department has determined that the degree can be delivered more effectively and efficiently. This change includes making the Public Administration emphasis more specifically tailored to the needs of students in this discipline, rather than having 12 hours of elective courses. Upon review of other programs and application of our own expertise, we have determined that students in Public Administration need courses in Organizational Behavior and Urban Administration, and so we are adding these as required courses. A review of similar programs at other institutions revealed that none require an accounting course. Our faculty feel confident that the requirement of POL SCI 3440 Public and Nonprofit Budgeting provides sufficient skills for students, and the requirement for ACCTNG 2400 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting can be removed as a requirement for this emphasis. Finally, we would like to eliminate the broad requirement for two policy and institutions courses (instead they will take Urban Administration and Org Behavior), and reduce the elective requirement from one courses to two. These revisions will better prepare our students and will reduce the required hours in the emphasis from 21 hours to 15 hours.