

BS in Public Policy Administration

Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Administration

The BSPPA degree has three emphasis areas. The first is a public administration track, which emphasizes management in both the public and nonprofit sectors; it may produce a terminal degree or be a precursor to graduate training. The second is a public policy track in which a student may focus on a particular policy area and also acquire specialized analytic training and research skills, in preparation for relevant entry-level jobs in the public or the voluntary sector as well as in certain parts of the private sector. The third emphasis area focuses explicitly on the administrative and leadership concerns of organizations in the nonprofit sector, which constitutes a growing field of research and employment opportunities.

All BSPPA majors must complete at least 33 but no more than 51, hours in political science. The following core curriculum is required of all BSPPA majors:

Political Science		
POL SCI 1100	Introduction to American Politics (MOTR POSC 101)	3
POL SCI 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202)	3
POL SCI 2000	Political Analysis	3
POL SCI 2400	Public Administration	3
POL SCI 2420	Introduction to Public Policy	3
POL SCI 3940	Public Affairs Internship	1-6
POL SCI 3950	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3

ECON 1001	Principles of Microeconomics (MOTR ECON 102)	3
ECON 1002	Principles of Macroeconomics (MOTR ECON 101)	3
CRIMIN 2220	Statistical Analysis In Criminology And Criminal Justice	4
or SOC 3220	Social Statistics	
or ECON 3100	Economic Statistics	
Total Hours		25-30

In addition, students must provide a demonstration of computer proficiency through one of the following:

- **INFSYS 1800** Computers and Information Systems, extension courses, or other study approved by the BSPPA coordinator.
- BSPPA students may take a maximum of 3 hours of political science on a satisfactory/ unsatisfactory basis, except for the following (which may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis):

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POL SCI 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202)	3
POL SCI 2000	Political Analysis	3
POL SCI 2400	Public Administration	3
POL SCI 2420	Introduction to Public Policy	3
POL SCI 3940	Public Affairs Internship	1-6

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

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Rationale

The Political Science department has revised our course in quantitative methods POL SCI 2000 Political Analysis. This course, which now utilizes R for statistical computing, is required for the BSPPA and the department's other undergraduate degrees. The BSPPA is the only degree we offer to have a requirement of an additional statistics course. The BSPPA also requires micro and macroeconomics, which combined with PS 2000 Political Analysis gives our majors sufficient exposure to quantitative methods. Currently, the BSPPA requires students to complete 29-34 hours of core requirements as well as an emphasis area that is 12-27 hours. This heavy credit hour requirement has discouraged enrollment in the BSPPA, particularly from transfer students. Eliminating this redundant, four hour requirement will improve the BSPPA curriculum.