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# Public Policy Administration BS

## with an emphasis in Public Policy

*The BSPPA degree is designed for students who are interested in understanding and influencing public policy and administration, and who have a passion for making a positive impact on society. Students will gain understanding of developing, implementing, and evaluating public policy, and leading in public and nonprofit organizations. Students will have the chance to utilize those skills through an internship. In the public policy track, students work with a faculty advisor to develop a focus on a particular policy area in preparation for relevant jobs in the public, nonprofit or private sector.*

### Career Outlook

Our students develop practical skills and engage in internships that have helped our graduates secure jobs in local, state, and federal government, and in nonprofit organizations, including positions with the Department of Defense, Department of Veteran's Affairs, Cities of Florissant and Chesterfield, and the Small Business Administration, and the United Way. The Center for State and Local Government Excellence projects that local government employment will grow 7.4% through 2026 and state government employment will grow 3.8%. Nonprofit opportunities are projected to grow even faster.

### Future Career Options

- City or County Manager
- City Planner
- Director of Public Works
- Nonprofit Program Director
- Foundation Executive Director
- Grant Writer
- Social Services Administrator
- Parks and Recreation Director
- Policy Analyst
- Human Resources Specialist
- Budget Analyst

### Skills Developed by Degree Completion

- Explain policy-making institutions and systems
- Understand administrative systems and processes
- Use methods, tools, and sources to answer important management and policy questions
- Analyze policies, programs, and issues
- Form evidence-based recommendations and communicate them clearly
- Apply knowledge and engage in real-world problem solving
- Plan, execute, and defend research projects
- Understand theories, concepts and practices of the student's chosen policy area
- Compare and contrast different approaches and frameworks of policy area

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

# Bachelor of Science in Public Policy Administration Emphasis in Public Policy

Year

1

## FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

POL SCI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (3)  
GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)  
ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)  
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

## SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 1500: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)  
ECON 1001: Microeconomics (3)  
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)  
Elective (3)

Year

2

## FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 2400: Public Administration (3)  
ECON 1002: Macroeconomics (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)  
Elective (3)

## SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 2420: Introduction to Public Policy (3)  
POL SCI XXXX: Policy Concentration Course (3)  
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)  
INFSYS 1800: Computers and Info. Systems (3) or COMP SCI 1250: Intro to Computing (3)  
Elective (3)

Year

3

## FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI XXXX: Policy Concentration Course (3)  
POL SCI 3000: Political Analysis (3)  
Elective (3)  
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## SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI XXXX: Policy Concentration Course (3)  
ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing or Equivalent (3)  
Elective (3)  
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Elective (3)

Year

4

## FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 3940: Public Affairs Internship (3)  
POL SCI XXXX: Policy Concentration Course (3)  
Elective (3)  
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## SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

POL SCI 4950: Senior Seminar (3)  
POL SCI XXXX: Policy Concentration Course (3)  
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**Degree completed!**

## 2023-2024 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. ***This map is not a substitute for academic advisement.*** Contact your advisor when making final selections.



### – University Studies

is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



### – Milestone courses

should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



– **Summer and Intersession courses** Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



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