School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Public Affairs (BS)

The Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs is intended for individuals called upon to manage in the arenas of government, nonprofits, or business. These generalist managers must synthesize many forms of knowledge derived from government, economics, sociology, and other fields, and must apply that knowledge creatively to meet the varied and multiple challenges of public administration. The ability to understand the substance of policy and program issues; the ability to grasp the administrative, political, and ethical implications embedded in them; and the ability then to act upon the issues with effect, together define the worth of contemporary managers.

The Public Affairs program promotes acquisition of knowledge and skills essential to the tasks of identification, analysis, design implementation, supervision, evaluation, communication, and other key functions that are integral components of management careers in federal, state, and local governments; criminal justice; in social service, education, community development, arts and other nonprofit organizations; and in business firms.

Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)¹

Faculty

Professor: Doug Goodman, L. Douglas Kiel

Clinical Professors: Donald R. Arbuckle, John R. McCaskill

Associate Professors: R. Paul Battaglio Jr., Young-joo Lee, Sarah Maxwell, Meghna Sabharwal

Assistant Professors: Evgenia Gorina, James R. Harrington

Senior Lecturers: Teodoro Benavides, Galia Cohen

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication

RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

Choose one course from the following:

**MATH 1306** College Algebra for the Non-Scientist

**MATH 1314** College Algebra

**Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours**

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses (see advisor)

**Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours**

Choose one course from the following:

**HUMA 1301** Exploration of the Humanities

**LIT 2331** Masterpieces of World Literature

**PHIL 1301** Introduction to Philosophy

**PHIL 2316** History of Philosophy I

**PHIL 2317** History of Philosophy II

**Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours**

**ARTS 1301** Exploration of the Arts

**American History: 6 semester credit hours**

**HIST 1301** U.S. History Survey to Civil War

**HIST 1302** U.S. History Survey from Civil War

**Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours**

**GOVT 2305** American National Government

**GOVT 2306** State and Local Government

**Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours**

**PA 2325** Introduction to Public Service

**Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours**

**EPPS 2301** Research Design in the Social and Policy Sciences

And choose one course from the following:

**EPPS 2302** Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences

**EPPS 2303** Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences
II. Major Requirements: 48 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 3 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics

or ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

EPPS 2301 Research Design in the Social and Policy Sciences\(^3\), \(^4\)

EPPS 2302 Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences\(^3\), \(^4\)

or EPPS 2303 Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences\(^3\), \(^4\)

PA 2325 Introduction to Public Service\(^3\), \(^4\)

Major Core Courses: 24 semester credit hours

PA 3306 Advanced Research and Writing for the Policy Sciences

PA 3310 Public Management

PA 3333 Human Resources Management

PA 3378 Public Finance and Economics

PA 3380 Organizations: Theory and Behavior

PA 4340 Creating High Performance Organizations

PA 4350 Public Agencies, Management and Ethics

PA 4355 Management of Nonprofit Organizations

Major Related Courses: 21 semester credit hours

21 semester credit hours Major and Related electives\(^5\)

III. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours

This requirement may be satisfied with lower- and upper-division courses from any field of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. A Major requirement that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in
4. Prerequisite course to upper-division PA courses.

5. Most students take upper-division PA courses. However, subject to advisor approval, courses from other disciplines may be used to satisfy this requirement.