Public administrators play a major role in contributing to society by the decisions they make in the public and non-profit sectors. A background in public administration can open the door to a number of careers in all levels of government, the private sector, nonprofit leadership and administration, foundation management, and international relations. Classes in the minor will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to plan, implement, and evaluate public programs. You'll learn to think critically and analytically about public policy and institutions. By providing you with a better understanding of the dynamics in your own community, you’ll learn how to be a more effective citizen and public official.

**FAST FACTS**

**Credit hours:** 21

**Department:** History, Politics, and Geography

**School:** Natural and Social Sciences

**Popular pairings:** Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Geography, History, Organizational Leadership and Public Relations, Political Science, Pre-Public Health, Sociology, Speech Communication, Sport Management

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**required courses**

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by your major(s) and minor(s).

- POS 100 American National Government .................................................. 3
- POS 430 Public Policy .................................................................................. 3
- POS 445 Public Administration and Management ........................................ 3

Plus 12 hours of electives from the following (no more than 9 hours from one area):

- BUS 260 Management Theory and Practice ............................................. 3
- BUS 350 Managing Behavior in Organizations ........................................... 3
- BUS 367 Foundations of Human Resource Management .......................... 3
- BUS 444 Governmental Accounting ........................................................... 3
- ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics .................................................. 3
- ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics ........................................................ 3
- GEO 320 Urban Geography ......................................................................... 3
- GEO 325 Geography of Recreation, Tourism, and Sport .......................... 3
- GEO 430 Geographic Information Systems .................................................. 3
- POS 390 Budget and Finance ..................................................................... 3
- POS 402 State and Local Politics ................................................................. 3
- POS 420 American Constitutional Law .................................................... 3
- POS 444 Topics in Political Science ............................................................. 3
- PSY 316 Social Psychology ......................................................................... 3
- SSC 33 Social Science Research Methods .................................................. 3
- SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences .................................................. 3
- SSC 419 Advanced Social Sciences Research Methods .............................. 3

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**Skills Learned**

- Research and analysis of government, politics, and public policy
- Knowledge of politics, law, governmental and organizational structures, and the policy process
- Writing and speaking in the areas of government, politics, and public policy
- Critical thinking
- Public service

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