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Public Affairs and Administration Minor
The minor with major benefits!

The Public Affairs and Administration (PAA) minor gives you the knowledge and skills you’ll need for a career in public affairs.

As a Public Affairs and Administration student, you will acquire:

1. A clear understanding of where public management and policy intersect.
2. Outstanding analytical skills.
3. Knowledge that can meet the flexible and evolving nature of public service.

Blending both theory and practice, the PAA minor is designed to teach you how to develop public policy in any public affairs setting.

If you’re planning a career in public affairs in local, state or federal government or in non-governmental organizations, or you’re already employed in one of these sectors, the PAA minor can give you the knowledge and experience necessary to succeed in a public service career or pursue graduate studies in public affairs, public administration and public policy.

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The Curriculum
The PAA minor requires 18 credits:

Core Requirements (9 Credits)
- PSC 1010 American National Government (3 Credits)
- PSC 3020 Introduction to Public Administration (3 Credits)
- PSC 3250 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3 Credits)

Electives (9 Credits)
- PSC 3000 American State and Local Politics (3 Credits)
- PSC 3090 Current Topics in Political Science: Variable Topics (3-6 Credits)
- PSC 3220 Public Policy (3 Credits)
- PSC 3230 Environmental Politics (3 Credits)
- PSC 3240 Intergovernmental Relations (3 Credits)
- PSC 3260 Politics of Budgeting (3 Credits)
- MGT 3530 Human Resource Management (3 Credits—note several prerequisite courses are required)
- ACC 3200 Governmental Accounting (3 Credits—note several prerequisite courses required)
- Internship Elective (strongly encouraged):
  - Internship PSC 4120 or PSC 4100 (3-6 Credits)

Where knowledge of politics and policy merge with professional skills

From the politics behind policymaking to analytical and communication skills and in-depth studies of the most pressing issues of our time, the PAA minor will help prepare you for a career that can have an enormous impact on people’s lives.

The PAA curriculum emphasizes:
- Strong theory in policymaking and administration that allows you to immediately contribute to both public and non-profit sectors.
- Courses that introduce you to the complexities and trade-offs of real world policy analysis and policymaking.
- Rigorous analytics, including a required course in quantitative analysis to ensure that you can compete in today’s employment environment.
- Hands-on internships and experiential learning.