



Department of Public Service and Administration

Bush School of Government and Public Service



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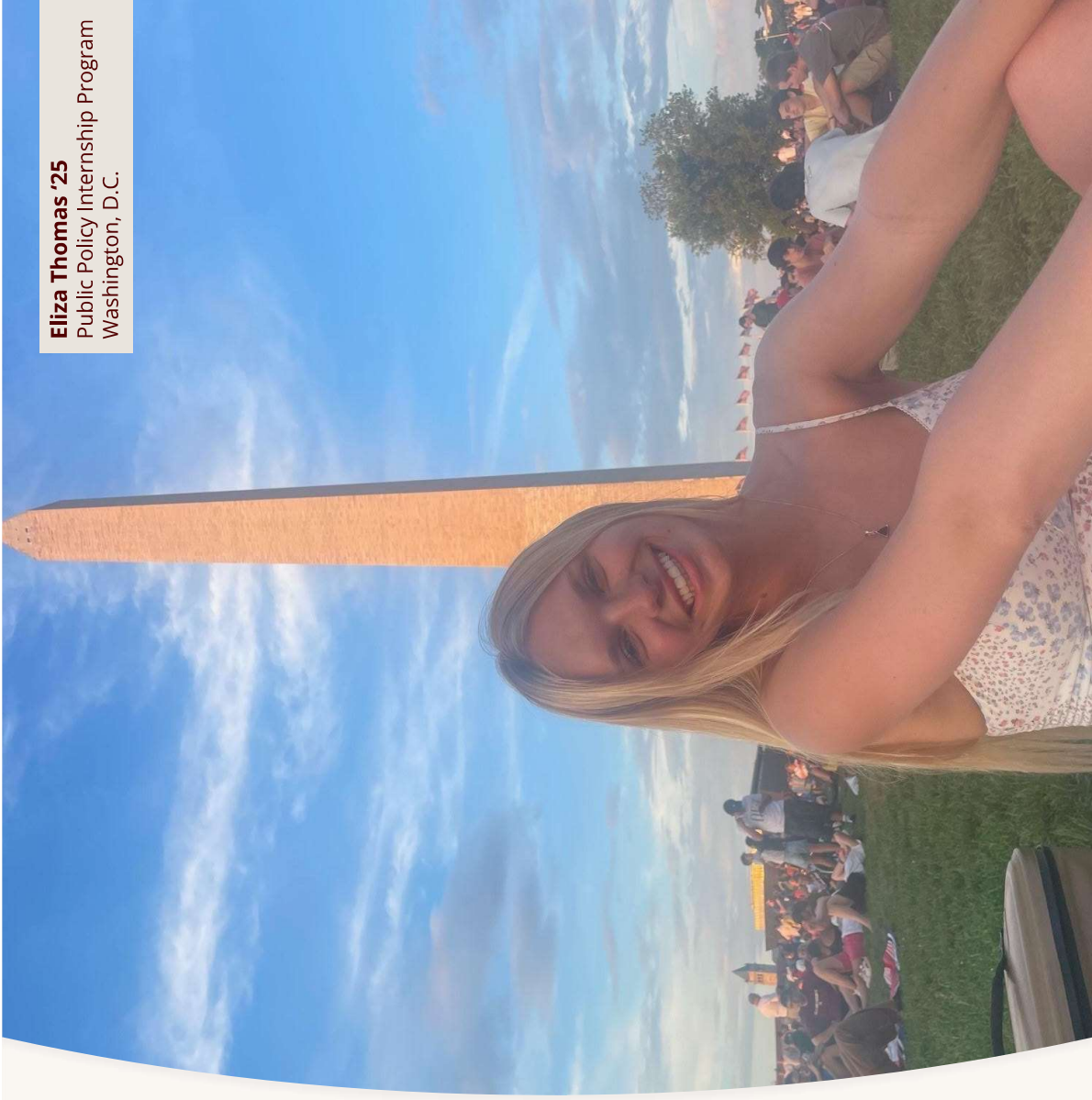
Advising & Department Information



PSAA Day 2 Agenda

- Bush School Undergraduate Advising
- Department of Public Service and Administration
- PSAA Degree Requirements
- Credits and Registration

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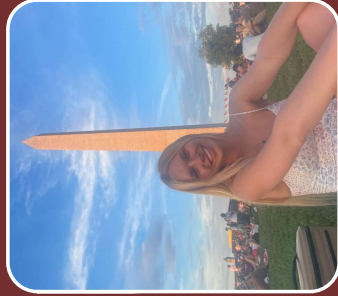
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Department of Public Service and Administration



Bachelor's Degrees

- Public Service and Administration (BA)
- Public Service and Administration (BS)



Master's Degrees

- Public Service and Administration (MPSA)

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*Director of Undergraduate Studies and
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Supports students with

- Undergraduate student issues
- PSAA 484 internship approvals
- PSAA Subject Matter Expert
- Non-traditional course approval



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PSAA Degree Requirements

Public Service and Administration (PSAA) Overview

BA-PSAA

 Major Coursework - 21 hrs

 Supporting Coursework - 21 hrs

 Foreign Language: 14 hrs

 Core Curriculum: 54 hrs

 General Electives: 10 hrs

 **BA-PSAA Degree Total Hours: 120 hrs**

BS-PSAA

 Major Coursework - 24 hrs

 Supporting Coursework - 27 hrs

 Core Curriculum: 54 hrs

 General Electives: 15 hrs

 **BS-PSAA Degree Total Hours: 120 hrs**

PSAA Major Coursework (21/24 hours)

PSAA Major Courses (18 hours)

- PSAA 210: Integrated Solutions to Public Service Problems (3 hrs)
- PSAA 340: Public Administration (3 hrs)
- PSAA 350: Economics of Public Policy (3 hrs)
- PSAA 360: The Nonprofit Sector (3 hrs)
- PSAA 430: Leading & Managing Public Service Orgs (3 hrs)
- PSAA 440: Public Policies & Policymaking (3 hrs)

Statistics (3 hours)

- STAT 201: Elementary Statistical Inference

BS-PSAA only (3 hours)

- PSAA 450: Using Data to Make a Difference

PSAA Supporting Coursework (21/27 hours)

Student Success Seminar

3 hours

- BUSH 141 or BUSH 241

Directed Electives

9 hours

Choose from

- PSAA 205: Data and Decision-Making in Public Service
- PSAA 301: Research Methods for Public Service
- PSAA 302: International Perspectives in Public Service
- PSAA 403: Public and Nonprofit Budgeting
- PSAA 404: Ethics in Public Service
- PSAA 405: Cultural Competency in Public Service

Area Electives

9 hours

- Public and Nonprofit Management
- Policy Analysis
- National Defense and Homeland Security/Emergency Management

Methods and Sciences (BS-PSAA only)

6 hours

- Additional research methods courses

PSAA Area Electives (choose from 9 hrs)

Public and Nonprofit Management

- PSAA 344: Public Communication and Stakeholder Engagement
- PSAA 364: Fundraising and Philanthropy
- PSAA 441: Program Assessment and Evaluation
- PSAA 442: Cross-Sector Collaboration
- PSAA 443: Managing Workplace Diversity in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

PSAA Area Electives (choose from 9 hrs)

Policy Analysis

- PSAA 352: Immigration Policy
- PSAA 354: Education Policy
- PSAA 452: Energy Policy
- PSAA 453: Environmental Policy

PSAA Area Electives (choose from 9 hrs)

National Defense & Homeland Security/Emergency Management

- PSAA 272: Introduction to National Defense and Homeland Security
- PSAA 372: Emergency Management Enterprise - Local, State and Federal
- PSAA 472: Terrorist Threat to the Nation

Foreign Language (BA only)

14 hrs of Foreign Language

- Beginning Language I (4 hrs)
- Beginning Language II (4 hrs)
- Intermediate Language I (3 hrs)
- Intermediate Language II (3 hrs)



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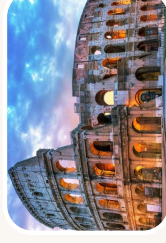
Chinese



French



German



Italian



Japanese



Russian



Spanish

One Foreign Language choice only!

Foreign Language Placement Exam

Who takes it?

Any student with prior knowledge of a foreign language that has not received college credit for it.

- High School Foreign Language
- Native Language
- Language Commonly Spoken at Home

Who does not take it?

Any student with no prior knowledge of a foreign language.

- AP Credit
- Dual Credit
- First time enrollment

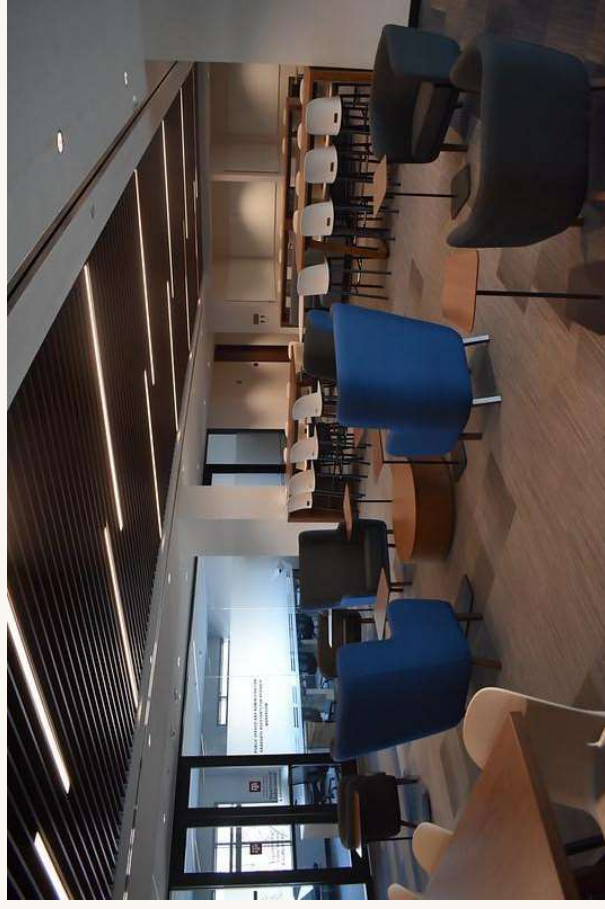
You will not be able to enroll in a foreign language with prior knowledge until a placement exam is completed!

Methods and Sciences (BS only)

Select from 6 hrs of research methods courses

(within Supporting Coursework area):

AGCJ 411; ANTH 448; ANTH 458; BUSN 203;
COMM 303/JOUR 305; COMM 308; ECMT 461;
ECMT 463; ECMT 475; ECON 440; ECON 441;
ECON 470; EPSY 435; GEOG 390; MARS 325;
OCNG 470; PBSI 245; POLS 308; SCMT 305;
SOCI 220; SOCI 229; SOCI 320; SOCI 420; STAT
303; STAT 312



University & School Requirements (54 hours)

- **Communication - 6 hrs**
 - ◆ ENGL 104
 - ◆ ENGL 210; COMM 203, 205, 243
- **Mathematics - 6 hrs**
 - ◆ MATH 140
 - ◆ MATH 142
 - or choice of PHIL 240 for BA
- **Life & Physical Sci. - 9 hrs**
 - ◆ Select from any KLPS courses
- **Lang., Phil., Culture - 3 hrs**
 - ◆ Select from any KLPC course
- **Creative Arts - 3 hrs**
 - ◆ Select from any KCRA course
- **Social & Behavioral Sci. - 6 hrs**
 - ◆ ECON 202
 - ◆ ECON 203
- **American History - 6 hrs**
 - ◆ Select from any KHIS courses
- **Government - 6 hrs**
 - ◆ POLS 206
 - ◆ POLS 207
- **Humanities - 9 hrs**
 - ◆ Select from any Humanities Directed Elective courses

Credits & Registration

College Credits

Credit by Examination

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- SAT Subject Test (SAT)
- Foreign Language Placement Exam (PE)

Transfer Credit

- TAMU Equivalent
 - HIST 1301 at Blinn = HIST 105 at TAMU
- Transfer-by-Title
 - TRNS XXX ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
- Non-transferrable
 - NTRN XXX INEW 2438 Advanced Java Programming

PSAA Degree Plan

Be mindful of several courses which require 'C' or better grades:

- Major coursework (all)
- Supporting coursework (all)
- ENGL 104
- Math area
- Social Sciences area (ECON 202)
- Citizenship area (American History and POLS courses)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION 2025-2026

Name:

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PUBLIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION MAJOR		
PSAA 210	3	
PSAA 340	3	
PSAA 350	3	
PSAA 360	3	
PSAA 430	3	
PSAA 440	3	
STAT 201	3	

CORE REQUIREMENTS		
ENGL 104	3	
Communication [KCOM]*	3	
MATH 140	3	
MATH 142	3	
Physical Science [KLPS]*	3	
Physical Science [KLPS]*	3	
Physical Science [KLPS]*	3	
Language, Philosophy & Culture [KLPC]*	3	
Creative Arts [KCRA]*	3	
ECON 202	3	
ECON 203	3	
American History [KHIS]*	3	
American History [KHIS]*	3	
POLS 206	3	
POLS 207	3	
Humanities	3	
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SUPPORTING COURSEWORK		
BUSH 141	3	
Directed Electives (choose 3 courses)		
PSAA 205	3	
PSAA 301	3	
PSAA 302	3	
PSAA 403	3	
PSAA 404	3	
PSAA 405	3	
Area Electives (9 hours total)		
PSAA	3	
PSAA	3	
PSAA	3	

GENERAL ELECTIVES (10 hours for BA; 15 hrs for BS)

ADDITIONAL BA REQUIREMENTS

Foreign Language (choose one offered at TAMU for all sequences, 14 hours total)

Foreign Lang. I	4	
Foreign Lang. II	4	
Foreign Lang. III	3	
Foreign Lang. IV	3	

ADDITIONAL BS REQUIREMENTS

Major Coursework		
PSAA 450	3	
Supporting Coursework - Methods and Science (6 hours total)		
Choose 6 from: PSAA 455, ANTH 448, 458, BUSH 209, COMM 309, 308, ECON 445, 446, 447, EPSY 435, GEOG 390, MARK 325, OCNG 470, PSY 245, POLS 308, SCMT 305, SOCI 220, 229, 320, 420, STAT 303, 312		
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Residency: At least 36 credit hours of 300 or 400-level coursework must be completed at Texas A&M or through an approved study abroad program. A minimum of 12 of these 36 credit hours must be in the major.

International & Cultural Diversity: Students must complete 3 hours of approved [KCD] coursework.

Cultural Discourse: Students must complete 3 hours of approved [KUCD] coursework.

University Foreign Language: Students must complete at least 2 semesters of college-level foreign language OR 2 years of the same foreign language in high school.

Writing Intensive Coursework: Students must complete 6 hours of approved [UWRT] coursework.

This document is intended to serve as a general outline for the student to follow in order to meet the requirements for a Bachelor's degree in Public Service & Administration. It does not constitute a contract nor does it imply assurance of graduation. It is NOT to be used in place of a consultation with your academic advisor.

Recommended Fall Schedule

13-16 Credit Hours

- ❑ First Semester Success Course: BUSH 141 (3 hrs)
 - ❑ Corps, Honors, and Scholarship students may be in 2 experiences or more
- ❑ STAT 201 (3 hours)
- ❑ ENGL 104 (3 hours)
- ❑ Foreign Language (3-4 hours) for BA majors; or
Life and Physical Sciences (3-4 hours) for BS majors
- ❑ One Core Curriculum Course (3 hours)
 - ❑ Creative Arts or Language, Philosophy and Culture
 - ❑ American History or POLS 206

Use your PSAA Degree Plan to avoid repeating courses you already have credit for when scheduling.

Next Steps



Up Next: Dean's Meeting

Where: Hagler Auditorium, Annenberg Presidential Conference Center

Follow us to the APCC!



Registration Assistance

When: 1:00 PM

Where: Allen Building, Room 2002 & 2003