BA in Public Policy

Degree Requirements
To earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from UIC, students must complete University, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Public Administration degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies. Elective courses may have prerequisites.

Summary of Requirements
| General and Basic Education Requirements | 33-34 |
| Core Program Requirements | 45 |
| Electives | 41-42 |
| Total Hours | 120 |

Basic and General Education Requirements

Required Courses
- CC 120 UIC First-Year Dialogue Seminar
- ENGL 160 Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts
- ENGL 161 Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research
- MATH 121 Precalculus Mathematics
- MATH 165 and Calculus for Business
- ECON 120 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 121 and Principles of Macroeconomics
- Understanding the Past course
- Understanding the Creative Arts course
- Exploring World Cultures course

Total Hours 33-34

Electives
| Electives required outside the Basic and General Education and Core Program Requirements | 41-42 |

Core Program Requirements

Required Courses
- POLS 101 Introduction to American Government and Politics
- ECON 220 Microeconomics: Theory and Applications
- PA 210 Introduction to Policy Process
- PA 211 Policy Analysis and Alternatives
- PA 230 Nonprofit Organizations in U.S. Society
- PA 300 Introduction to Urban Policy Processes

Total Hours 9

Elective Courses
- PA 303 Urban Government I: Managing the Internal Environment
- PA 305 Urban Government II: Managing the External Environment
- PA 309 Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- PA 421 Public Management
- PA 496 Senior Capstone Experience in Urban and Public Affairs I: Public Administration
- PA 497 Senior Capstone Experience in Urban and Public Affairs II: Public Administration

Three Policy Specialization courses at the 200-level and above 9

Total Hours 45

Options for three-course specializations are listed below. Students may choose from these lists or customize their own three-course specializations. All specializations must be approved by the undergraduate program coordinator in the Department of Public Administration.

Specializations

Course Options for Public Policy Specializations
Students may choose any 200-, 300-, and 400-level courses for the 9 hours in specialization requirement. The following groups of courses are offered as guidance to students who may have an interest in any of the educational paths shown below. Students may choose a specialization from the list or customize their own. All specializations must be approved by the undergraduate program coordinator in the Department of Public Administration, who will seek endorsement from the appropriate department(s) offering the advanced course work. Students interested in pursuing a minor in any of these areas should refer to the
Undergraduate Catalog for further requirements not listed here. Consult the Schedule of Classes for terms during which courses are offered. The Department of Public Administration does not determine course offerings in other departments.

Specialization Course Options

Asian American Studies
- ASAM 210 Asian American Histories
- ASAM 228 Sociology of Asia and Asian Americans
- ASAM 230 Cultural Politics of Asian American Food

Communication
- COMM 207 The Mass Media and Politics
- COMM 303 Communication and Culture
- COMM 306 Organizational Communication

Criminology, Law, and Justice
- CLJ 200 Law and Society
- CLJ 220 Criminology
- CLJ 240 Criminal Justice Organizations

Economics, Applied
Students are encouraged to take ECON 270 to prepare for this area
- ECON 214 Economics of Education
- ECON 215 Health Economics
- ECON 221 Macroeconomics in the World Economy: Theory and Applications
- ECON 328 Public Finance
- ECON 330 Government and Business
- ECON 331 Labor Economics
- ECON 332 Urban Economics
- ECON 334 Economic Development
- PA 310 Environmental Policy

Education Policy
- ED 200 Education Policy Foundations
- ED 252 Contemporary Controversies in U.S. Schools
- ED 402 Philosophy of Education and Urban School Policy
- ED 403 Policy Issues in the History of American Education
- EDPS 412 Politics of Urban Education
- ECON 214 Economics of Education

Gender and Women's Studies
- GWS 202 Comparative Social Movements
- GWS 224 Gender and Society
- GWS 275 Gender in Latin America

Health Policy
- PUBH 310 Public Health and Global Citizenship
- PUBH 330 Health Equity and Health Disparities
- PUBH 350 Health Systems, Health Policy
- ECON 215 Health Economics
- SOC 251 Health and Medicine

History
- HIST 253 The Worker in American Life
- HIST 254 Topics in Urban History
- HIST 255 History of Chicago

Information and Decision Sciences
- IDS 200 Intro to Management Information Systems
- IDS 312 Business Project Management
- IDS 313 Internet Applications in Business
- PA 460 Data Management
- PA 461 Management of Information Technology in Government
- PA 462 Project Management for Public Managers
- PA 463 Introduction to e-Government

Military Science
- MILS 217 Introduction to United States Military History
- MILS 401 Adaptive Leadership
- POLS 281 United States Foreign Policy
- POLS 284 International Security
- POLS 287 International Law
- POLS 384 International Relations Theory

Political Science
- POLS 211 Chicago's Future
- POLS 212 State Government
- POLS 225 Political Interest Groups
- POLS 226 Political Parties
- POLS 227 Voting Behavior and Elections
- POLS 228 U.S. Congress
- POLS 246 History of American Capitalism
- POLS 258 The Judicial Process
- POLS 310 Governing the Megalopolis
- POLS 354 The Constitution and Civil Liberties
- POLS 359 Topics in Public Law
- POLS 451 Law and Public Policy

Sociology
- SOC 241 Social Inequalities
- SOC 265 Sociology of Politics
- SOC 276 Urban Sociology

Sample Course Schedule

Freshman Year
First Semester
- CC 120 UIC First-Year Dialogue Seminar 1
- MATH 121 Precalculus Mathematics 5
- ENGL 160 Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts 3
- ECON 120 Principles of Microeconomics 4
- POLS 101 Introduction to American Government and Politics 3

Second Semester
- MATH 165 Calculus for Business 5
- ENGL 161 Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research 3
- ECON 121 Principles of Macroeconomics 4

Term Hours: 16
### Sophomore Year

#### First Semester

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- Understanding the Past, Creative Arts, or World Cultures course: 3
- Elective: 3

**Term Hours:** 18

#### Second Semester

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**Term Hours:** 15

### Junior Year

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- Elective: 3
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**Term Hours:** 15

#### Second Semester

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- Elective: 3
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**Term Hours:** 15

### Senior Year

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- Elective: 2-3
- Elective: 3
- Policy Specialization course: 3
- Policy Specialization course: 3

**Term Hours:** 14-15

#### Second Semester

**Term Hours:**

**Total Hours:** 120