

# BA in Public Policy

## Program Codes:

20GP5366BA

## 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.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
General and Basic Education Requirements		33-37
Core Program Requirements		46
Electives		37-40
<b>Total Hours</b>		120

## Basic and General Education Requirements <sup>a</sup>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
UPA 120	Urban and Public Affairs Seminar I	1
UPA 121	Urban and Public Affairs Seminar II	1
ENGL 160 & ENGL 161	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts and Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	6
MATH 110 & STAT 101	College Algebra and Introduction to Statistics	8
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics <sup>c</sup>	4
	Understanding the Past course <sup>d</sup>	3
	Understanding the Creative Arts course <sup>d</sup>	3
	Exploring World Cultures course <sup>d</sup>	3
	Analyzing the Natural World course <sup>d</sup>	3-5
	One elective course from any General Education Core category <sup>d</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		33-37

<sup>a</sup> The University General Education requirement is a total of 24 hours distributed across the six categories. Two required courses in the major are approved for General Education and count toward the student's 24 hours of General Education courses, including the Understanding U.S. Society category.

<sup>b</sup> Required for new freshmen only.

<sup>c</sup> This course meets the General Education course requirements for Understanding the Individual and Society.

<sup>d</sup> Consult the General Education (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/general-education>) section for lists of approved courses in each of these General Education categories.

## Core Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PPOL 100	Individual Action and Democratic Citizenship <sup>b</sup>	3
POLS 101	Introduction to American Government and Politics <sup>a,b</sup>	3
ECON 220	Microeconomics: Theory and Applications	3
PPOL 210	Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 230	Nonprofit Organizations and Civil Society <sup>a</sup>	3
PPOL 300	Urban Policy and Process	3
PPOL 303	Bureaucracy and Public Policy	3
PPOL 305	Managing Government Partnerships	3
PPOL 307	Policy Analysis III: Identifying and Developing Alternatives	3
PPOL 309	Public Budgeting and Financial Management	3
PPOL 405	Advanced Topics in Policy Analysis: Evaluating Public Policies and Programs	3
PPOL 490	Field Experience in Public Policy and Administration	4
Three Policy Specialization courses at the 200-level and above <sup>c</sup>		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		46

<sup>a</sup> This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category. Two courses from the major will count toward the university requirement of a total of 24 hours of General Education courses. One must be a course from the Understanding U.S. Society category.

<sup>b</sup> This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category. Two courses from the major will count toward the university requirement of a total of 24 hours of General Education courses.

<sup>c</sup> 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.

## Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Courses</b>		
Electives required outside the Basic and General Education and Core Program Requirements		38-40
<b>Total Hours</b>		38-40

If any of the three-course specialization classes have prerequisites that are not already covered in the Basic and General Education Requirements, students should choose electives that also serve as prerequisites for their specialization courses. For example, students interested in a Health Policy specialization must take PUBH 100, PUBH 110, and PUBH 120 as prerequisites for PUBH 310, PUBH 330, and PUBH 350. PUBH 100 is a U.S. Society course and PUBH 110 is a World Cultures course, so each one can fulfill General Education requirements as well. Check the *Course Descriptions* for prerequisite requirements for all courses.

## 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 (e.g. communication policy) with consultation and approval of their advisor. 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. Military Science courses (200-, 300-, and 400-level) may be applicable to a specialization with approval of the advisor or director of undergraduate studies.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Specialization Course Options</b>		
<b>Economic Development Policy</b>		
PPOL 212	Evidence-Based Public Policy	
PPOL 232	International Development Policy	
US 202	Social Justice and the City	
US 301	Political Economy of Urban Development	
ECON 334	Economic Development	
ECON 342	Regional Economics	
FIN/ECON 311	Introduction to Urban Real Estate	
<b>Education Policy</b>		
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	
<b>Environmental Policy</b>		
PPOL 240	Environmental Policy	
LAS 493	Topics in Sustainability and Energy	
EAES 116	Energy for Future Decision-Makers	
US 230	Practices for Sustainable Cities	
CHEM 305	Environmental Chemistry <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Health Policy</b>		
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	
<b>Foreign and Global Policy</b>		
PPOL 232	International Development Policy	
MILS 217	Introduction to United States Military History	
POLS 281	United States Foreign Policy	

POLS 284	International Security
POLS 287	International Law
POLS 384	International Relations Theory

### Social Welfare Policy

PPOL 231	Social Welfare State: Policies and Process
PPOL 232	International Development Policy
SOC 225	Racial and Ethnic Groups <sup>b</sup>
SOC 241	Social Inequalities <sup>b</sup>
SOC 265	Sociology of Politics <sup>b</sup>
AAST/ SOC 271	African Americans and the Politics of Incarceration <sup>b</sup>

a Prerequisite is CHEM 232.

b Has prerequisite of SOC 100 or SOC 105; both courses meet the Understanding the U.S. Society General Education requirement.

## Sample Course Schedule

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Freshman Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
UPA 120	Urban and Public Affairs Seminar I	1
MATH 110	College Algebra	4
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
PPOL 100	Individual Action and Democratic Citizenship	3
POLS 101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Hours		14
<b>Second Semester</b>		
UPA 121	Urban and Public Affairs Seminar II	1
STAT 101	Introduction to Statistics	4
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics	4
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
Hours		18
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PPOL 210	Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 230	Nonprofit Organizations and Civil Society	3
ECON 220	Microeconomics: Theory and Applications	3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
Hours		15
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PPOL 307	Policy Analysis III: Identifying and Developing Alternatives	3
General Education course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3

Elective		3
	Hours	15
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PPOL 300	Urban Policy and Process	3
PPOL 303	Bureaucracy and Public Policy	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Hours	15
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PPOL 305	Managing Government Partnerships	3
PPOL 309	Public Budgeting and Financial Management	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Hours	15
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PPOL 405	Advanced Topics in Policy Analysis: Evaluating Public Policies and Programs	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Policy Specialization course		3
Policy Specialization course		3
	Hours	15
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PPOL 490	Field Experience in Public Policy and Administration	4
Policy Specialization course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Hours	13
	Total Hours	120