

Public Administration Core Courses

POLSC 700, Research Methods in Political Science: Principles of scientific inquiry, research design, and the measurement and analysis of social phenomena will be covered.

POLSC 702, Public Administration and Society: An introduction to the discipline and profession of public administration, which may include the cultural, constitutional, institutional, organizational, and ethical context of public administration. Students are also exposed to central issues facing public administrators, using the related perspectives of management, politics, and law.

POLSC 708, Public Personnel Administration: Personnel aspects of administration at all levels of government, including recruitment, selection, discrimination law, pay, and motivation. Emphasis on to those features unique to the public sector, e.g. civil service systems, public unions, and public sector ethics law.

POLSC 710, Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Methods of policy analysis and evaluation. Includes a discussion of the relationship between public policy and the distribution of values in society. Students analyze policies in an area of their choice; e.g., agriculture, business, health, income, trade.

POLSC 735, Public Organization Theory: Theories of the structure and mission of public organizations. Explores the use of analytical questioning of various theories, to solve organizational problems.

POLSC 737, Public Budgeting: Budgeting as a part of our political system and as a fiscal process assists in allocating scarce resources. Overview of the budgetary decision-making process and the various budgetary approaches.

POLSC 738, Public Finance: Economics of the public sector, addressing the fundamental issue of the appropriate role of government activity in a market economy. Behavioral consequences of government policy. Model construction to explain real world government policy making.

POLSC 831, Public Administration Capstone: Students integrate previous classroom learning with practical experience. Topics include the operation of a government agency on a day-to-day basis and the meaning of public service and communication in the public sector.