

The Public Administration BA Degree



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Dear Prospective Major,

Thank you for requesting information about the Department of Political Science at California State University, Chico. We have an exciting curriculum, with numerous options to meet a host of academic interests, and a distinguished faculty, committed to excellence in teaching and in scholarship. Three of the University's recent Outstanding Teachers and two of its Outstanding Professors, as well as several Outstanding Advisers are from this department. Our faculty have authored more books than faculty in any other department! I hope you give serious consideration to one of our programs as your major.

We offer degree options in the areas listed below. Each has a specially trained adviser who can help make course planning efficient and productive. They can also provide career planning, indicating the rich opportunities for students from our programs.

Lori Weber	Political Science Coordinator
Lori Beth Way	Criminal Justice Coordinator
Matt Thomas	CJ and PA Internship Coordinator
Mahalley Allen	Legal Studies Coordinator
Teodora DeLorenzo	Legal Studies Internship Coordinator
Diane Schmidt	Public Administration Coordinator
Jim Jacob	International Relations Coordinator

Our majors are an excellent choice for a liberal arts education, with an emphasis on writing skills and analytical thinking. But there are many specific career options as well. Our graduates are members of Congress and the State Legislature; city and county managers; lawyers and judges; police and correctional officers; lobbyists and campaign consultants; diplomats and international business executives; teachers and college professors.

Students also have extensive opportunities for internships. The largest is our Community Legal Information Center, where approximately 200 students a semester in thirteen programs—Consumer Protection, Tenant's Rights, Environmental Protection, to name but a few—provide legal information to fellow students and members of the community. Students also have opportunities in local government and law enforcement agencies, at the State Capitol and in Washington, D.C. Many of our students take on significant responsibilities in political campaigns, including serving as delegates to our national political conventions.

Included in this handbook are the requirements for the specific program in which you have expressed interest, an indication of how you can achieve this degree in the next four years and a listing of our faculty. If you have any questions, we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Again, we look forward to seeing you here next year and wish you the best in your studies.

Sincerely,

Diana Dwyre

Diana Dwyre, Chair

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B.A. DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Persons interested in training for careers in public service and non-profit institutions may work for the Degree in Public Administration. The courses and requirements for the Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and for the Minor in Public Administration are listed below.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: 42 UNITS

30 units required:

POLS 331	Intro: Political Inquiry (WP course)	3.0	FS
	<i>Prerequisites: Successful completion of Eng 001 or its equivalent</i>		
POLS 331X	Techniques in Political Science Research	1.0	FS
POLS 421	Methods of Political Inquiry	3.0	FA
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 331 or permission of instructor</i>		
POLS 460A	Intro to Public Administration	3.0	FS
POLS 460B	Public Personnel Administration	3.0	SP
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		
POLS 460C	Admin Public Financial Resources	3.0	FA
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		
POLS 462	Organizational Theory	3.0	SP
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		
POLS 464	Administrative Law	3.0	FA
POLS 471A	Public Policy Formation	3.0	FA
POLS 471B	Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar	3.0	SP
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 421, POLS 471A.</i>		
POLS 489A	Intern Public Administration	1.0-3.0	FS
	<i>Prerequisites: Internship Coordinator's permission.</i>		
	<i>Note: POLS 489A must be taken for a minimum of 2 units.</i>		

1 course selected from:

POLS 431	American Political Thought	3.0	FA
POLS 432	Recent Political Thought	3.0	SP
POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought	3.0	Inquire
	<i>(This course is also offered as PHIL 437)</i>		

1 course selected from:

POLS 402	State Government	3.0	FS
POLS 403	Local Government	3.0	FS

2 courses selected from:

POLS 402	State Government	3.0	FS
POLS 403	Local Government	3.0	FS
	<i>Note: POLS 402 & 403 may be used to satisfy this requirement if not used above.</i>		
POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Admin	3.0	FA
POLS 465	Administration of Justice	3.0	SP
POLS 468	Planning Law	3.0	SP

THE MINOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The minor in Public Administration is designed for baccalaureate degree candidates who are majoring in other substantive fields and who plan careers in the public service or with non-profit institutions.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR: 21 UNITS

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

15 units required:

POLS 403	Local Government	3.0	FS
POLS 460A	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0	FS
POLS 460B	Public Personnel Administration	3.0	SP
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		
POLS 460C	Administration of Public Financial Resources	3.0	FA
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		
POLS 462	Organizational Theory	3.0	SP
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment</i>		

6 units: selected from the following courses in the major program in Public Administration

POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Administration	3.0	FA
POLS 464	Administrative Law	3.0	SP
POLS 468	Planning Law	3.0	SP
POLS 471A	Public Policy Formation	3.0	FA
POLS 471B	Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar	3.0	SP

Written Notice:

Department approval is required before you begin coursework for this minor. Approval can be obtained by providing written notice of your intention to declare this minor to the Department's Public Administration Coordinator. If you need further information, please contact:

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Public Administration Undergraduate Program
Department of Political Science
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Department of Political Science

Faculty

Gabriel Aguilera, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Harvard University

Mahalley Allen, 2005, Asst. Professor, Legal Studies Coordinator, Ph.D. Univ. of Kansas, J.D., Univ. of Missouri

Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., Princeton University

Dane A. Cameron, 1981, Asst. Professor, J.D., Golden Gate University

Micheal Coyle, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Arizona State University

Teodora C. DeLorenzo, 1982, Professor, Legal Studies Internship Coordinator, J.D., New College of California

Diana Dwyre, 1997, Professor, Department Chair, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Alan Gibson, 2001, Professor, Ph.D., Notre Dame University

George C. Grosscup III, 1988, Professor, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts

Robert M. Jackson, 1970, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Oregon

James Jacob, 1995, Professor, International Relations Coordinator, Ph.D., Cornell University

Donna R. Kemp, 1985, Professor, MPA Program Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Idaho

Margaret Leigey, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., University of Delaware

Stephanie Mizrahi, 2005, Asst. Professor, ABD, Washington State University, J.D., McGeorge School of Law

Charles R. Ostrom, 1967, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School

Sally Parker, 2007, Asst. Professor, J.D., McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Ryan Patten, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Washington State University

Sherrow O. Pinder, 2006 Asst. Professor, Ph.D., New School for Social Research

Diane E. Schmidt, 1998, Professor, P.A Coordinator, Ph.D., Washington University

Robert H. Stanley, 1989, Professor, Ph.D., University of Virginia

William S. Stewart, 1975, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Matthew O. Thomas, 2001, Assoc. Professor, MPA/PA/CJ Internship Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Maryland

Charles C. Turner, 2000, Assoc. Professor, MA Coordinator, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University

Lori Beth Way, 2000, Assoc. Professor, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Lori Weber, 1999, Assoc. Professor, POLS Undergrad Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Colorado

**Suggested Four-Year Plan Based on the University Catalog
California State University, Chico**

Student's Name _____ ID# _____ Date _____

Major: **Public Administration: Option Public Administration** Contact Person: **Professor Diane Schmidt, Ph.D.**

Total Number of Units Required for Major 42 Expected Date of Graduation _____

First Semester		Second Semester		Comments
GE Area A*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet. * GE Area A2 must be completed with a C- or better. Consider taking a Course Link in your first semester.
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C- or better)	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	GE Area C**	3	
GE Area E	3	Area D**	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments
GE Area B	3	GE Area B	3	**Consider meeting the Ethnic and Non-Western requirements with GE Courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area C**	3	
GE Area D**	3	HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	
POLS 460A	3	POLS 331 – WP	3	
Elective	3	POLS 331X	1	
		Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments
GE Area D**	3	GE UD Theme	3	Apply to graduate by early deadline
POLS 460C	3	POLS 402 or POLS 403	3	
POLS 431 or 437 or 432	3	POLS 460B	3	
POLS 464	3	POLS 489A	2	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	14	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments
GE UD Theme	3	GE UD Theme	3	120 units required for degree.
POLS 471A	3	POLS 462	3	
POLS 421	3	POLS 471B	3	
P.A. Option Course	3	P.A. Option Course	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15	

Units available for electives and/or Minor: 24 Approved