BA in Public Administration: 2022-23 Catalog

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Dual Advising System: CSU, Chico utilizes a dual advising system to help you graduate on time. Undergraduate students are provided support through the Academic Advising Programs office as well as a major department advisor. While academic advisors help answer questions regarding GE, campus policies and procedures, and general university questions, your major department advisor can help with questions regarding major coursework, internships, and course substitutions.

Major in Public Administration

Nine Core Courses Required, 28 Units (Fall/Spring)

Please note that there is only one prerequisite in the core curriculum for the PA major: students must take POLS 331 before taking POLS 421. In all other cases, students may take core courses in any order that they prefer.

_______ POLS 260: Introduction to Public Administration F/S
_______ POLS 331W: Introduction to Research Methods (4 units)
_______ POLS 402: State and Local Government F/S
_______ POLS 421: Applied Research Methods
POLS 474: Public Personnel Administration S
POLS 475: Administration of Public Financial Resources F
POLS 462: Organizational Theory S
POLS 471: Public Policy Formation F
POLS 477W: Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar S

One Theory Course Selected, 3 Units
POLS 432: American Political Thought INQ
POLS 434: Origins of Western Political Thought F/S
POLS 437: Contemporary Political Thought INQ

Four Different Elective Courses Selected, 12 Units*, **
PHHA 579W: Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies F/S
POLS 344: U.S. Foreign Policy INQ
POLS 346: International Organizations and NGOs S
POLS 365W: Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice F/S
POLS 405: Health Care Policy and Politics S
POLS 452: Alternative Dispute Resolution S
POLS 476: Police Administration and Management INQ
POLS 461: Environmental Politics and Policy S
POLS 464: Administrative Law S
POLS 468: Planning Law INQ
POLS 472: The Presidency INQ
POLS 473: Congress INQ
POLS 489A: Internship in Public Administration F/S
POLS 489P: Work / Commun Exp in Gov / Commun Agencies F/S
POLS 493: Community Research F/S

*Additional electives in line with particular student interests may be substituted with the approval of the
Public Administration Coordinator. Please reach out to the PA Coordinator for further information.

** Note that there are no prerequisites for electives in the PA major. For maximal flexibility, all courses
may be taken in any order.
Minor in Public Administration

Please note that for the PA minor, students may take core courses in any order that they prefer. There are no prerequisites for any of the courses.

Four Core Courses Required, 12 Units

- POLS 260: Intro to Public Administration F/S
- POLS 474: Public Personnel Administration S
- POLS 475: Administration of Public Financial Resources F
- POLS 462: Organizational Theory S

Three Different Elective Courses Selected, 9 Units*, **

- PHHA 579W: Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies F/S
- POLS 344: U.S. Foreign Policy INQ
- POLS 365W: Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice F/S
- POLS 402: State and Local Government F/S
- POLS 405: Health Care Policy and Politics S
- POLS 421: Applied Research Methods (Pre-req POLS 331) F/S
- POLS 476: Police Administration and Management INQ
- POLS 461: Environmental Politics and Policy S
- POLS 464: Administrative Law S
- POLS 468: Planning Law INQ
- POLS 471: Public Policy Formation F
- POLS 477W: Policy Analysis Capstone Seminar S
- POLS 473: Congress INQ

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** Note that there are no prerequisites for electives in the PA minor with the exception of POLS 421. For maximal flexibility, all elective courses may be taken in any order.