

Requirements for the Major in Public Administration for Students Entering in/after Fall 2017

As a part of the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BPA) program, you must complete a total of 30 POL credits (21 taken in residence) to satisfy the major requirements. You must fulfill all additional university-level requirements in order to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. You must pass all POL courses with a C- or above in order for the course to count toward the major. These credits must include the following:

Introductory Courses (9 credits) Must take all 3 courses.		
	POL 201	American National Government
	POL 319 ¹	Politics of the Administrative Process
	POL 321	Introduction to Public Policy
Political, Social, Economic & Legal (6 credits) Take any 2 POL courses from this list:		
		POL 318 ¹ , 320, 335, 342, 343, 526, 531, 536, 545, 546, 548, 572
		<i>Note: Selected POL 393 & 596 Courses may count with advisor approval</i>
Analytical Tools & Communication Skills (6 credits) Take any 2 POL courses from this list:		
		POL 301, 351, 510, 517, 518, 519, 534
		<i>Note: A student may not count both POL 510 and POL 517 toward the major.</i>
		<i>Note: Selected POL 393 & 596 Courses may count with advisor approval</i>
Management of Public Organizations (6 credits) Take any 2 POL courses from this list:		
		POL 501, 503, 521, 522, 523, 524, 540, 551, 555, 556, 557, 558
		<i>Note: Selected POL 393 & 596 Courses may count with advisor approval</i>
Comparative Governance (3 credits) Take any 1 POL course from this list:		
		POL 202, 385, 525, 569, 571, 581, 582
		<i>Note: Selected POL 393 & 596 Courses may count with advisor approval</i>
Upper-Level Seminar Requirement (At least 2 courses from above must be at the 500-level)		
		One course taken from above
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		<i>Note: Internship (POL 521), Thesis (POL 563 or POL 564) and Directed Readings (POL 595-599) do not count towards fulfilling the upper-level seminar requirement. Special Topics Courses (POL 596) do count for upper-level seminar requirement.</i>

Requirements for the Minor in Public Administration for Students Entering in/after Fall 2017

Introductory Courses (9 credits) Must take all 3 courses.		
	POL 201	American National Government
	POL 319	Politics of the Administrative Process
	POL 321	Introduction to Public Policy
Electives (6 credits) Take 2 POL courses from this list, including one 500-level course.		
		POL 318, 301, 320, 335, 342, 343, 351, 501, 506, 510, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 524, 526, 531, 546, 540, 584, 551, 555, 556, 557, 558, 572, 596*
Other Requirements		
<i>You must earn a C- or above in order for a POL course to count toward the minor. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all POL courses. A minimum of 9 credits must be earned in residency.</i>		
<i>*Note: Selected POL 596 Courses may count with advisor approval</i>		

5-Year BPA/MPA Option

An option exists for students to complete both the BPA and the MPA in 5 years. UM undergraduates may earn up to 12 credits toward the MPA during their senior year from these courses: POL 501, 503, 510, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 534, 536, 540, 545, 546, 551, 555, 556, 557, 558, 572. A grade of B or higher is required for a course to count toward the MPA. All 5-year students should develop a detailed course plan with their advisor before the senior year.

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¹We expect these courses (POL 318 and POL 319) will be listed in the course catalog by Spring 2018