SDSU | Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments Major

Public Administration
P A

Approved Courses for IS3D Students

Discipline Description

In an increasingly complex world, the nation is in need of effective leadership and competence in the administration of public affairs. The growth of all levels of government and public service organizations and their increasing responsibilities in a complex society have led to the need for more capable public administrators. The undergraduate public administration major is an interdisciplinary program. In addition to the courses taken within the department, students select additional courses in areas as diverse as economics, sociology, social welfare, political science, and psychology. The primary purpose of the public administration major is to provide knowledge and skills for students who wish to prepare themselves for management careers in government, community agencies, private not-for-profit organizations, planning and consulting firms, and private sector organizations that work in partnership with the public sector.

Lower Division Courses (choose 6 units)

Approved lower division P A courses include the following (number in parenthesis indicates course units):

P A 200 - The Urban Scene (3)
STAT - Statistics Course (3) [Students may choose from any of the following statistics courses to fulfill the three-unit statistics requirement: STAT 119, ARP 201, BIOL 215, CIV E 160, ECON 201, POL S 210, PSY 280, or SOC 201]

Upper Division Courses (choose 9)

The following upper division P A courses are approved given the student has completed the necessary prerequisites. Please note course offerings vary by semester, and not all courses will be available at a given time. Approved upper division P A courses include the following (number in parenthesis indicates course units):

P A 301 - Concepts and Issues in Public Administration (3)
P A 310 - Management of Urban Government (3)
P A 312 - Management of State Governments (3)
P A 330 - Public Personnel Administration (3)
P A 340 - Administrative Behavior (3)
P A 450 - Fiscal and Budgetary Policy (3) [Prerequisite: P A 301]
P A 460 - Administration and Public Policy Development (3)
P A 480 - Leadership and Public Sector (3) [Prerequisite: P A 301]
P A 501 - Nonprofit Organizations and Government (3)

Other Information

For Public Administration Academic Advisor information, please click here.

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