

New Student Orientation

Public Administration Majors

Summer 2023



We're Glad You're Here!

- Welcome to Cal State Fullerton and the Public Administration Major
- You made a great choice by coming to CSUF
- College graduates with critical thinking and analytical skills have many possibilities in a quickly changing world

Why Public Administration?

PA is the study of the management of government at all levels – local, state, and federal – as well as nonprofit organizations - Serve your community and make a change by learning about

leadership skills	public policy
human resources	communication
budgeting and finance	data analysis
law	governance

Why Public Administration?

- Most of our public administration graduates work in local government – city, county, special districts
- Many also work for nonprofits, as well as in state and federal governments

Courses in Your First Year

Course/Requirement	Details
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POSC 100	“Graduation requirement”
A.2	Suggested ENGL course
B.4	MATH 120 (Statistics)
A.3 (Optional)	PHIL 106 (For law school interest)

Four-Year Roadmap: [Link here](#)



Overview of the Major

Check out our website with detailed information for majors: [Link here](#)



Overview of the Major

Catalog Information
Requirements for the major: [Link here](#)



The Major and GE

- When you take POSC 320 – Intro to Public Administration – it meets GE D.4
- Use Related Fields to meet other GE upper division requirements

Additional Opportunities

- Pi Alpha Alpha Global Honor Society
- Internships
 - Cal State DC
 - Sacramento Semester
- 100s of Student Organizations on Campus
- Many student worker positions

Advising

- At least once a year to make sure you're on track to graduate
- Division advising page with information on appointments:
 - https://hss.fullerton.edu/paj/academic_adv.aspx
- College advising through the Student Success Center:
 - https://hss.fullerton.edu/student_success_team/

Tips for Success

- Stay calm – You got this!
- Figure out a space that works for you to study and do your work
- Use a calendar with your due dates and assignments
 - Canvas can help with this
- Be self-disciplined and keep up with your classes
- Look carefully through syllabi and assignments for answers to your questions
- Reach out to professors with questions

Tips for Success

- **GO TO CLASS!!!**
- Carefully read each syllabus
- Complete assignments, including assigned readings
- Get to know your professors
 - Office hours are for drop-in questions and discussions
 - Make appointments to meet at other times

Tips for Success

- Reach out to professors or advisors as soon as you run into any difficulties
 - We're here to help you succeed, so let us know what you need!

- Find classmates, make friends, join a classroom Discord to stay in touch with other students in the major

You're going to do great!

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