

The Public Administration Major

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The purpose of a public administration major is to prepare a learner to understand public organizations and to utilize that knowledge to manage, plan and administer public policy. A learner who has successfully completed a public administration major at Upper Iowa University will be expected to

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the legal, economic, social and cultural dimensions of managing, planning and decision-making in public organizations. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PA 445 Administrative Law
PS 411 American Constitutional Law I
PS 412 American Constitutional Law II
BA 302 Business Law I
BA 301 Business Law II
PSY/SOC 384 Social Welfare Programs and Policies
PA 430 Cases in Public Administration or
BA 454 Management Cases
Electives in the major

2. Demonstrate an understanding of the political, economic, social and cultural dimensions of public budget development, execution and evaluation. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PA 440 Public Budgeting Process
PA 364 Public Administration
Electives in the major

3. Demonstrate an understanding of political, economic, social and cultural effects of government action on individual, local, state and national levels. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PS 100 U. S. Government
PS 230 State and Local Government
PS 362 The Legislative Process
PA 371 Urban Management
PA 364 Public Administration
PA 440 Public Budgeting Process
Electives in the major

4. Demonstrate an understanding of the political, economic, social and cultural influences that contribute to public policy change. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PS 100 U. S. Government
PS 230 State and Local Government
PA 364 Public Administration
PS 362 The Legislative Process
PSY/SOC 384 Social Welfare Programs and Policies
PA 430 Cases in Public Administration or
BA 454 Management Cases
Electives in the major

5. Demonstrate an understanding of the social policies supporting social welfare programs and the issues arising due to cultural diversity in this country. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY/SOC 384 Social Welfare Programs and Policies
SOC 240 Diverse Cultures in America
SOC 220 Social Problems
Electives in the major