

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
PADM 700	Public Administration Ethics, Statesmanship, & Governance	3
PADM 702	Advanced Public Administration Finance and Budgeting	3
PADM 704	Human Resources and the Legal and Regulatory Context of Public Administration	3
PADM 708	Studies in Urban Planning and State and Local Government	3
PADM 710	Information Management in Public Sector Organizations	3
PADM 712	Organizational Leadership and Behavior in Public Administration	3
PADM 804	Intergovernmental Relations and Public Administration	3
Total Hours		21

Code	Title	Hours
Research Methods & Tools Courses		
PADM 805	Public Administration and Research Design	3
PADM 810	Quantitative Methods for Public Administration	3
PADM 812	Qualitative Methods for Public Administration	3
PADM 885	Research Concept	3
Total Hours		12

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses		
PADM 987	Dissertation I	5
PADM 988	Dissertation II	5
PADM 989	Dissertation III ¹	5
PADM 990	Dissertation IV ¹	0
Total Hours		15

¹ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in PADM 990 Dissertation IV (0 c.h.) after completing PADM 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat PADM 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in PADM 990 Dissertation IV (0 c.h.)

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 48 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Research Concept
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
PADM 700	Public Administration Ethics, Statesmanship, & Governance	3
PADM 704	Human Resources and the Legal and Regulatory Context of Public Administration	3
PADM 804	Intergovernmental Relations and Public Administration	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PADM 702	Advanced Public Administration Finance and Budgeting	3
PADM 708	Studies in Urban Planning and State and Local Government	3
PADM 805	Public Administration and Research Design	3
Hours		9
Third Semester		
PADM 710	Information Management in Public Sector Organizations	3
PADM 712	Organizational Leadership and Behavior in Public Administration	3
PADM 810	Quantitative Methods for Public Administration	3
Hours		9
Fourth Semester		
PADM 812	Qualitative Methods for Public Administration	3
PADM 885	Research Concept	3
Hours		6
Fifth Semester		
PADM 987	Dissertation I	5
Hours		5
Sixth Semester		
PADM 988	Dissertation II	5
Hours		5
Seventh Semester		
PADM 989	Dissertation III ¹	5
Hours		5
Eighth Semester		
PADM 990	Dissertation IV ¹	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		48

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