

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (B.S.) - ONLINE

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.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ²	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey ²	4
Total Hours		39-42

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise ¹	3
GOVT 220	American Government ¹	3
Total Hours		6

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
BUSI 240	Organizational Behavior and Management	3
BUSI 310	Principles of Management	3

Code	Title	Hours
BUSI 342	Human Resource Management	3
BUSI 409	Nonprofit Management and Governance	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
HLTH 349	Public and Community Health	3
PADM 360	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PADM 462	Public Financing & Budgeting	3
PADM 475	Advanced Public Administration	3
PADM 480	Legal & Political Issues in Public Administration	3
PADM 485	Public Administration Leadership & Community Engagement	3
PADM 492	Public Administration Seminar	3
Total Hours		39

Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
Choose 33-39 credit hours of Free Electives		33-39
Total Hours		33-39

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 120 Total hours
- 2.0 Overall grade point average
- 30 Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- 25% Of major taken through Liberty University
- 30 Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Social Science Elective (GOVT 200) ¹		3
Hours		14-17

Second Semester		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
Communications Elective ¹		3
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
MATH Elective ¹		3
GOVT 220	American Government	3
Hours		16

Second Year

First Semester		
Critical Thinking Elective ¹		3

Course	Title	Hours
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
BUSI 240	Organizational Behavior and Management	3
BUSI 310	Principles of Management	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
Cultural Studies Elective ¹		3
Natural Science Elective ¹		3
HLTH 349	Public and Community Health for Business	3
PADM 360	Introduction to Public Administration	3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
First Semester		
BUSI 342	Human Resource Management	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PADM 462	Public Financing & Budgeting	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
BUSI 409	Nonprofit Management and Governance	3
PADM 480	Legal & Political Issues in Public Administration	3
PADM 485	Public Administration Leadership & Community Engagement	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PADM 475	Advanced Public Administration	3
PADM 492	Public Administration Seminar	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120-123

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened before enrolling foundational skills requirements.