

## SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

### Bachelor of Public Administration

This degree program requires a total of **120 credit hours (CH)**, including **38 credit hours of the lower-division (LD) UCA Core** and **40 credit hours of upper-division (3000- and 4000-level) courses**. This sample degree plan demonstrates how a first-time entering freshman with no college credit can earn the degree in eight semesters. The upper-division UCA Core must be met using major, minor, or general elective courses. For general and specific degree requirements, please see the *Undergraduate Bulletin* at <https://uca.edu/ubulletin>. Consult your academic advisor for appropriate substitutions and additional information.

This degree is offered as an eight-semester degree completion program. Eligible students who follow this degree plan and complete all general and specific degree requirements in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* of the year in which they were admitted will earn this degree in eight semesters. For eligibility requirements, see <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/degreeplans/> for more information.

#### Year 1

Fall — Semester 1		Spring — Semester 2	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
WRTG 1310 Introduction to College Writing or Other approved Writing Foundation alternative	3	WRTG 1320 Academic Writing & Research or ENGL 1320 Interdisciplinary Writing & Research or Other approved Research and Writing alternative	3
MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy or Other LD UCA Core Course	3	MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course	3
LD UCA Core First-Year Seminar or Other LD UCA Core Course	3	LD UCA Core First-Year Seminar (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course	3
COMM 1300 Principles of Communication or Other LD UCA Core Course	3	COMM 1300 Principles of Communication (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course	3
PSCI 1330 U.S. Government & Politics	3	PADM 2310 Introduction to Public Service & Public Policy	3
PADM 1110 Public Service as a Profession	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Year 2

Fall — Semester 3		Spring — Semester 4	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
PSCI 2312 Statistical Applications in Political Science or PSCI 2322 GIS Applications in Political Science or GEOG 2475 Cartography	3-4	PSCI 3300 State Government & Politics	3
WRID 3310 Technical Writing or COMM 2311 Business & Professional Speaking or COMM 3310 Advanced Public Speaking	3	Issue Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3
LD UCA Core Lab Science	4	LD UCA Core Lab Science	4
Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	1-2	Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	6
LD UCA Core Course	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

**Year 3**

Fall — Semester 5		Spring — Semester 6	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
PADM 3320 Public Policy Analysis	3	PADM 3310 Public Management	3
Issue Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3	Issue Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	9	Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Year 4**

Fall — Semester 7		Spring — Semester 8	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
PADM 4320 Government Budgeting	3	PADM 4610 Internship in Public Administration	6
Issue Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3	Issue Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	9	Minor Courses (if needed) or General Electives	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<sup>1</sup> Complete nine (9) credit hours in Public and Non-Profit Management, including at least one of the following courses: PSCI 3336, PADM 4340, PADM 4350, PADM 4370, and PADM 4V89. Complete six (6) credit hours in Policy Analysis and Advocacy, including at least one of the following courses: PADM 4330, PADM 4360, PADM 4380, and PADM 4V99.

This sample degree plan has been approved by the Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

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