

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

University of Northern Iowa College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

<https://csbs.uni.edu/polisci/majors/public-administration-major>

About The Major

Public administration is the field of service that maintains a civil society and provides for the needs of the public. Students study management, policies, and decision-making involved in the function of government and organizations in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Students also explore how to make governmental and nonprofit entities work better.

Sample Course Work

Introduction to Public Administration
Public Budgeting
Analyzing Politics
American State Politics
Iowa Politics
Public Finance

Possible Careers

*Some titles may require further education

Financial Manager

Tax Examiner

Case Manager

Human Resources

City Manager

Urban Planner

Budget Analyst

Mayor

U.S. Secretary

Auditor

Civil Service Officer

Foreign Service Officer

UNI Graduates: Where Are They Now?

- Iowa Public Television
- County Department of Public Health
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
- City of Waterloo
- Boy Scouts of America
- Wells Fargo
- National Speech and Debate Association
- Iowa Department of Revenue
- City of West Des Moines
- Blessman International
- Iowa House of Representatives
- Office of Consumer Affairs
- African American Museum of Iowa
- City of Dubuque
- State of Iowa Judicial Branch

Skills Needed

- Leadership
- Oral communication
- Written communication
- Public engagement
- Budgeting and Finance
- Policy Analysis
- Research skills
- Ethics
- Organization