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

- Financial Manager
- Tax Examiner
- Case Manager
- Human Resources
- City Manager
- Urban Planner
- Budget Analyst
- Mayor
- U.S. Secretary
- Auditor
- Civil Service Officer

Some titles may require further education.

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