

The Department of Public Administration

Public Service & Administration Major (BIS)

Villanova's Public Service and Administration (PSA) major prepares students for career advancement in government and in nonprofit organizations. In the Public Service and Administration (PSA) major, students are introduced to ethical, philosophic, theological, historical, social, and political perspectives that influence the leadership and management of government and nonprofit organizations.

This major is offered under the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) in partnership with the [Department of Public Administration](#) and is available to CPS students fully online and as a hybrid program. Students gain first-hand knowledge of effective practices in the government and nonprofit sectors as well as experience in networking and professional development.

Courses in the major cover topics such as public budgeting, strategic planning, leadership, public policy, ethics, and organizational development. They are taught by an accomplished faculty of scholars and practitioners - including, for example, managers at the federal, state, and local levels, and executives of non-profit organizations.

Eligible students may seek to enroll in the combined [BIS/MPA](#) or [BA/MPA](#) program.

Note: The Public Service and Administration major is also offered under the Bachelor of Arts degree in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students should refer to the specific requirements of that degree/major [here](#).

Major Requirements (30 Credits)

Required Major Courses (7 Courses, 21 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
PA 1050	Public Administration	3
PA 2000	Public Policy	3
PA 4100	Public Budgeting	3
PA 4500	Research Methods in Public Svc	3
PA 6000	Vocation of Public Service	3
PA 6100	PSA Internship	3

Choose one of the following courses:

Course	Title	Credits
PA 4200	Organizational Development	3
MPA 8041	Human Capital Management	3

Major Electives (3 Courses, 9 Credits)

Students can choose three courses from the below options or from the [departmental list](#).

Course	Title	Credits
LDR 2010	Strategic Planning for Leaders	3
LDR 2020	Leadership & Community	3
LDR 2040	Ethics & Leadership	3
MPA 8021	Leadership Ethics	3
MPA 8011	Public Administration Theory	3

BIS Core Curriculum (39 Credits)

[BIS Core Curriculum](#)

Free Electives (51 Credits)

[Free Electives Policy](#)

Degree Credit Summary

- Major Credits: 30 credits
- Core Credits: 39 credits
- Free Elective Credits: 51 credits
- TOTAL REQUIRED DEGREE CREDITS: 120 credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.