

Public Administration Advising Guide 2026-2027

SDSU-IV Bachelor of Arts in Applied Arts and Sciences

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PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR 3 COURSES

MAJOR PREREQUISITES	EQUIVALENT		UNITS
	Semester	Grade	
POLS 102 (<i>Imperial Valley College equivalent is POLS 102</i>)			3
Statistics Requirement: <i>Chose one from the following:</i> ECON 201, POL S 201, PSY 280, or STAT 119, STAT 250 (<i>Imperial Valley College equivalents are MATH 119 or PSY 214</i>)			3
P A 200 – <i>The Urban Scene</i> – (No IVC equivalent) <i>Students take first semester at SDSU-IV - Offered in Fall only*</i> (see pathways)			3

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

39 UNITS (Thirteen Courses)

UPPER DIVISION CORE CLASSES:	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
P A 301 – <i>Concepts and Issues in Public Administration **</i> - Offered Fall & Spring			3
P A 310 – <i>Management of Urban Governments</i> - Offered Fall only			3
P A 330 – <i>Public Personnel Administration</i> - Offered Fall & Spring			3
P A 340 – <i>Administrative Behavior</i> - Offered Fall & Summer			3
P A 450 – <i>Fiscal & Budgetary Policy</i> - Offered Spring only			3
P A 460 – <i>Administration & Public Policy Development</i> - Offered Spring			3
*Take first semester (or first Fall semester) in major; **Take first year in major, preferably first semester			

UPPER DIVISION PRACTICUM: (<i>Student must have completed 90 units</i>) Choose 1 from the following: OPTION 1: P A 497 – <i>Investigation and Report</i> - Offered Fall and Spring OPTION 2: P A 498 – <i>Internship in Public Administration</i> - Offered Fall & Spring	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Practicum:			3

UPPER DIVISION PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ELECTIVES:

UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVES: Take five courses (15 units). At least three courses (nine units) must be PA specific (from the PA department). Students are encouraged to take two 500 level courses (SEE LIST ATTACHED)	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS 15 TOTAL
P A elective:			3
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NOTE: <i>Students may take up to two PA electives (6 units) from the approved list of electives to fulfill their PA major elective requirements. Please note this does not guarantee you will be able to enroll in these courses due to each course's prerequisites. To confirm your eligibility to enroll in these courses, refer to the General Catalog and course schedule.</i>			

P A SPECIFIC ELECTIVES:	
P A 312 – <i>Management of State Governments</i> - Offered Spring only P A 315 – <i>Management of the Fed. Govt.</i> - Offered Summer only* P A 350 – <i>Contemporary Urban Issues</i> - Offered Spring only P A 480 – <i>Leadership and the Public Sector</i> - Offered Fall only* P A 485– <i>Planning and Public Policy in US-Mexico Border Region</i> – Offered occasionally, see schedule <i>*Prerequisite required: PA 301</i>	SEE NEXT SECTION FOR FULL LIST OF MAJOR APPROVED ELECTIVES OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

SDSU-IV Approved Elective Courses from other majors or divisions (NON-P A Specific elective)

Students may take up to two courses from the list below to fulfill their PA major elective requirements - HOWEVER - this does not guarantee students are able enroll due to each course's unique prerequisites.

CJ 300 – <i>Crime, Law, and Justice</i> - Offered in Fall and Spring (need instructor consent) CJ 301 – <i>Law in Society</i> – Offered in Fall and Spring (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 302 – <i>Crime and Behavior</i> – Offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 303 – <i>Criminal Justice and Social Control</i> – Offered in Fall and Spring (prerequisite CJ 300 or concurrent registration in CJ 300) CJ 305 – <i>Professions and Ethics</i> – Offered in Fall (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 310 – <i>Law Enforcement</i> – Offered in Fall and Summer (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 320 – <i>Criminal Law</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 321 – <i>Juvenile Justice</i> – Offered in Fall and Summer (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 330 – <i>Corrections</i> – Offered in Spring and Summer (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 420 – <i>Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 510 – <i>Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisites CJ 300 and CJ 310) CJ 531 – <i>Probation and Parole</i> – Offered in Fall (prerequisites CJ 300 and CJ 330) CJ 540 – <i>Planning and Evaluation in Criminal Justice</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite CJ 300) CJ 543 – <i>Community Resources in Criminal Justice</i> – Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer (prerequisite CJ 300)	BIOL 315 - <i>Ecology and Human Impacts on the Environment</i> – Offered in Fall CCS 355 – <i>U.S./Mexico International Border</i> – Offered in Spring GEOG 354 – <i>Geography of Cities</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisites GEOG 101 or GEOG 102) GEOL 303 – <i>Natural Disasters</i> – Offered in Fall and Spring (prerequisite GEOL 101) GERO 360 – <i>Diversity and Aging</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite GERO 101) HIST 445 – <i>California History</i> – Offered in Spring P H 362 – <i>International Health</i> – Offered in Spring POL S 375 – <i>International Relations</i> – Offered in Spring PSY 320 – <i>Personnel and Industrial Psychology</i> – Offered in Fall (prerequisites PSY 101 and PSY 319) PSY 340 – <i>Social Psychology</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite PSY 101) SOC 355 – <i>Minority Group Relations</i> – Offered in Fall (prerequisite SOC 101 or transfer equivalent) SOC 443 – <i>Crime and Society</i> – Offered in Fall (prerequisite SOC 101 or transfer equivalent) SOC 445 – <i>Sociology of Deviance</i> – Offered in Spring (prerequisite SOC 101 or transfer equivalent) SWORK 350 – <i>Cultural Pluralism</i> – Offered in Spring WMNST 375 – <i>Sex, Power, and Politics</i> – Offered in Spring
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INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: WRITING

GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS (GWAR)		COMPLETED(Y/N)
Upper Division Writing Course RWS 305W - Offered Fall & Spring		3

INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES:

NOTE: At least one course selected from the Explorations area must be a course in cultural diversity.

Courses in this area must not be taken sooner than the semester in which you achieve upper division status (60 units passed). Any course included on the explorations requirement list and also required for your major, may be used to satisfy one Explorations requirement.

UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION: EXPLORATIONS(ABC'S)	COURSE	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Cultural Diversity (Can be from Area A, B, or C)				3
Area A- Natural Sciences				3
Area B- Social and Behavioral Sciences				3
Area C- Humanities				3
Ethnic Studies (Effective F20)				3

INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: UNITS FOR DEGREE

Total Units Required For The Degree: 120	
Units In Progress:	Units Remaining:

THIS FORM IS JUST A GUIDELINE AND DOES NOT SUPPLANT THE GENERAL CATALOG
YOUR GENERAL CATALOG PROVIDES DETAILED ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- I acknowledge that I have reviewed the requirements listed above with my academic advisor and am fully aware that I am responsible for fulfilling the academic requirements in order to be eligible for graduation.
- It is my responsibility to come prepared to any academic advising session with my advisor.
- Any delay beyond fifteen (10-15) minutes to an academic advising session will result in cancellation and rescheduling subject to the availability of the academic advisor.
- Copies of advising recommendations will be uploaded onto navigate. It is my responsibility to log in and view report summary and download advising report

