PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION-B.S.
General Education Requirements
I. Required Skills and Competencies 16 cr
___ ENG 106 Writing Intensive First Year Seminar OR
___ ENG 110 Advanced Placement Writing (3 cr)
May need ENG 050 Basic Writing first, based on test results
___ HCS 100 Intro to Human Communication (3 cr)
___ Mathematical Competency-Required
MAT 117 Applied Statistics (4 cr)
___ HIS 105 Historical Foundations of Global Cultures (3 cr) AND
___ HIS 106 Thinking Historically in a Global Age (3 cr)
II. Categories of Knowledge 33 cr
A: Logic/Numbers for Rational Thinking (3 cr)
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B: Literary, Artistic & Cultural Traditions (9 cr)
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C: Biological & Physical Sciences (9 cr)
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D: Political, Economic & Geographic Science (6 cr)
___ ECO 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
___ GEO 101 World Geography OR
GEO 103 Geography of US and Canada
E: Social & Behavioral Science (6 cr)
___ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
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III. Library Skills Completed as part of the College Writing or Advanced Writing course
Public Administration Requirements* Total 39 cr
CORE COURSES 27 cr
___ PLS 100 U. S. Government and Politics
___ PLS 231 State and Local Government (3 cr)
___ PLS 271 Introduction to Public Administration (3 cr)
___ PLS 300 Adv. U.S Gov’t: Institutions and Public Policy (3 cr)
___ PLS 301 Political Science Research Methods (3 cr)
___ PLS 302 Public Policy Analysis (3 cr)
___ PLS 371 Public Management (3 cr)
___ PLS 372 Public Personnel Administration (3 cr)
___ PLS 373 Public Financial Administration (3 cr)
*Students must earn a “C” or better in each Required Core Course
Note: PLS 373, PLS 372, and PLS 371 are only offered once every two years.
Public Administration Electives** 12 cr
___ PLS 291 Contemporary Issues (3 cr)
___ PLS 331 City Politics and Administration (3 cr)
___ PLS 332 Federal-State-Local Relations (3 cr)
___ PLS 374 Public Service Ethics (3 cr)
___ PLS 381 Principles of Labor Relations (3 cr)
___ PLS 384 Regional & Urban Planning (3 cr)
___ PLS 395 Internship I (3 cr)
___ PLS 396 Internship I (3 cr)
___ PLS 397 Internship I (3 cr)
___ PLS 431 Pennsylvania Local Government (3 cr)
**At least 6 credits must be taken at the 300-level or above. Substitution for an elective course may be made with the prior permission of the department chair.
Allied Fields 16 cr
Economics Requirement 6 cr
___ ECO 101 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 cr) ***
___ ECO 102 Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr)
or
___ ECO 113 Principles of Economics (4 cr)
___ Any Economics course at or above the 200 level (3 cr)
Sociology Requirement 6 cr
___ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr) ***
An additional Sociology course from the following
___ SOC 241, 243, 258, 346, 351, 354, 363, 365, or 425
Math and Computer Competency *** 4 cr
___ MAT 117 Applied Statistics (4 cr)
***Major requirement fulfills General Education Credits
Free Electives 23 cr
Total Graduation Requirements 120 cr
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GPA Needed to Declare: 2.0
Helpful Hints for Advising:
YEAR 1 PLS 100 U.S. Government and Politics
YEAR 2 PLS 271 Introduction to Public Administration
MAT 117 Applied Statistics
PLS 271 and MAT 117 are prerequisites for PLS 301
PLS 301 is a prerequisite for PLS 302
PLS 302 is only offered during the Spring semester.
A student can count a maximum of six internship credits toward the Major. To
qualify for an internship, students must have a 2.0 overall GPA and a 2.3 in the Public
Administration major. Students must have completed the following courses to be
eligible for an internship: PLS 100, PLS 231, PLS 271, and six additional credits of
coursework in Public Administration.
PLS 395 and 396 fulfill a major requirement. PLS 397 can count as part of a student’s
120 credit hour requirement.