

Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs (BSPA)

Major Declaration

Your Information

Name (first/last)

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Submission Date

Submission Options

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BSPA Requirements

- The BSPA requires 120 credits.
- The completion of 45 credits and a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or greater is necessary to become a BSPA student.
- A minimum of 30 credits are from the public affairs core and elective curriculum below (each course is 3 credits unless specified).
- The degree requires the satisfaction of the CUNY Pathways curriculum as designated by Baruch College.
- A minimum of 57 credits must be designated as liberal arts (several BSPA courses satisfy the liberal arts credit requirement)
- Pre-Calculus must be completed to satisfy the "Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning" requirement of the Pathways Required Core as a STEM Variant.
- PAF 1250 or POL 1101 must be completed in the CUNY Pathways Flexible Core or as liberal arts electives.
- ENG 2150 is a prerequisite for most PAF courses; ECO 1001 is a prerequisite for PAF 3102; either STA 2000 or STA 2100 are a prerequisite for PAF 3401.

Public Affairs Core (18 credits)

- PAF 3010 Policy and Politics (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3015 Qualitative Studies of Communities (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3102 Economic Analysis of Public Policy
(*prereq* ENG 2150 and ECO 1001)
- PAF 3108 Public Campaigns and Advocacy (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3401 Quantitative Methods for Policy and Practice
(*prereq* ENG 2150 and STA 2000 or STA 2100)
- PAF 4401 Capstone (*prereq* 18 PAF core or elective credits)

Honors Thesis Option (6 credits)

PAF 6001H-6002H for 3 credits each may be accomplished under the direction of a professor. Open only to students who have earned at least a 3.5 GPA in public affairs and a 3.5 cumulative GPA and who have submitted an application prior to the fall semester of their senior year that has been approved by the prospective mentor, the Marxe School's Associate Dean, and the chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Honors. Students accepted for the thesis option do not complete PAF 4401.

Public Affairs Electives (12 credits minimum)

- PAF 3005 Public Service in New York City (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3020 Ethics and Civic Engagement (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3040 Information and Society (*cross-listed* with LIB 3040)
- PAF 3100 Nonprofit Administration (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3103 Economics of the Public Sector (*prereq* PAF 3102)
- PAF 3105 Principles of Survey Research (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3106 Public Opinion Polling (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3201 Public Communication and Organizations (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3301 Models of Service Delivery (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3343 Building Cities: Markets and Government (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3375 Housing and Community Development (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3402 Policy Analysis (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3403 Advanced Quantitative Analysis (*prereq* PAF 3401)
- PAF 3442 Cities and Sustainability (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3710 Reforming Education (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 3810 Arts and Public Life (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 4199 Selected Topics (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 5000 Independent Study (*prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 5001 NY State Legislature Internship (15 credits; *prereq* ENG 2150)
- PAF 5452 Public Affairs Internship (*prereq* ENG 2150)

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