

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND EXECUTIVE MASTER PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, EMPA 4+1 DUAL DEGREE

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The accelerated 4+1 program in Public Affairs is available for students currently admitted in the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Public Affairs program. Students entering the 4+1 accelerated program will be admitted to the Master of Public Administration program or the Executive Master of Public Administration program.

The five-year EMPA program includes 135 (MPA) academic hours of coursework with an embedded undergraduate degree in Public Administration.

The 4+1 academic program is open to students in the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs seeking a B.S. degree in Public Affairs. Admission to this graduate programs is not automatic. The principal eligibility factors are the student's cumulative GPA and the Public Affairs courses GPA. The five-year program includes 135 academic hours of coursework. Students entering the Master's program through the 4+1 **are not required** to complete the GRE.

Designed for the dedicated and driven TSU student, the accelerated 4+1 program combines graduate course work with advanced undergraduate course work, enabling students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree within five years. It provides top undergraduate students the flexibility to begin taking classes toward their master's degree during their senior year of undergraduate studies.

Students interested in this program must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for admission:

1. Have completed at least 90 credits hours of coursework from an approved Public Affairs degree plan.
2. Have a cumulative TSU GPA of 2.5.
3. Have grades posted for all 300 level required courses.
4. Have at least three semesters left in undergraduate program at time of admission to the master's program (senior year course work).

Students in the 4+1 accelerated program must follow all course requirements pertaining to both programs. Satisfactory progress in the program is achieved if the student maintains a **3.00 GPA** in overall graduate course work in the student's master's program. The student may drop out of the 4+1 accelerated program and return to a regular B.S. program at any point of time.

Continuous enrollment in the 4+1 program is required to matriculate through the program. If at any point the student stops enrollment in the 4+1 program, the student will be required to return to a regular bachelor's program.

Students who are dismissed, or voluntarily withdraw, from the 4+1 accelerated program and return to undergraduate status, are eligible to apply for admission to the stand-alone master's program in Public Affairs.

Competencies in the five-year MPA are achieved through an interdisciplinary approach that provides students with:

1. An analytical approach to decision-making in the managerial sciences;
2. Problem solving skills and analytical competencies relevant to management positions;
3. Knowledge of workings of governmental and non-governmental organizations; and
4. Structured and varied work experiences with a foundation in computer and information technology.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1301	Freshman English I	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	3
POLS 2305	American Government	3
COMM 1321	Business & Professional Comm	3
HIST 1301	Soc & Pol Hist US to 1877	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
ENGL 1302	Freshman English II	3
MATH 134 or MATH 1325	Plane Trigonometry or Elements of Calculus	3
SOCI 1301	Introduction To Sociology	3
POLS 2306	Texas Government	3
HIST 1302	Soc & Pol Hist US Since 1877	3
Hours		15
Sophomore		
First Semester		
ENG (200 level)		3
BIOL 1308	Survey of Life Science	3
Select one of the following:		3
ART 131	Drawing & Composition I	
MUSI 131	Introduction To Music	
THEA 1310	Introduction to Theatre	
Foreign Lang/Sub		3
ECON 2301	Principles Of Economics I	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
COSC 1301	Intro To Compr Science I	3
GEOL 1303	Introduction To The Earth	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Foreign Lang/Sub		3
ECON 2302	Principles Of Economics II	3
Hours		15
Junior		
First Semester		
PA 271	Intro to Public Adm	3
PA 311	Intro To Pub Sector Plng	3
PA 312	Public Budgeting	3
PA 313	Org Behavior & Mgmt	3

PA 321	Personnel Admin	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PA 400	Program Evaluation	3
PA 401	Policy Process	3
PA 410	Seminar in Public Affairs	3
PAD 500	Theory & Practice	3
PAD 501	Leadership & Decision Making	3
Hours		15
Senior		
First Semester		
PA Free Elective		3
PA Free Elective		3
PAD 503	Quantitative Methods I	3
PAD 502	Research Meth In Pub Adm	3
PAD 507	Organization Behavior & Theory	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
PA Free Elective		3
PA Free Elective		3
PAD 631	Gov Budgeting & Financial Mgmt	3
PAD 620	The Policy Making Process	3
PAD 622	Science, Tech & Pub Policy	3
Hours		15
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
PAD 600-Level Course		3
PAD 650	Intergovernmental Relations	3
PAD 660	Com Pub Admin West Nations	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PAD 705	Topical Seminar	3
PAD 710	Capstone	3
Hours		6
Total Hours		135