PUBLIC SERVICE AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP MAJOR (B.S.)

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Description

The bachelor of science degree in public service and nonprofit leadership provides an interdisciplinary, applied approach to the study of public and not-for-profit institutions and actors. Students explore the ways that leaders and citizens work in and around governments to address the complex problems confronted by New Hampshire and the United States today.

All students choose a path that enables them to complete an accelerated Masters in Public Policy or Masters in Public Administration, where they take their most advanced courses in the Major alongside graduate students in the UNH Carsey School of Public Policy. Those courses count as 12 credits toward their BS degree and as 9 credits toward a UNH-Carsey MPP or MPA, should a student choose to continue on to a Masters. Most students entering as first-year students will be able to complete a combined BS/MPA or BS/MPP within five years.

Public Service majors develop essential, transferable skills in critical thinking, practical problem solving, communication, teamwork, leadership, civic and community engagement, research, and data analysis. Coursework emphasizes experiential learning, such as interning at the N.H. State House or with local lobbying firms, engaged research in the real world, and hands-on service learning at a range of not-for-profit organizations in health, human services, advocacy, and the arts. All students must undertake at least one semester-long internship and at least one independent research project to be presented at the UNH Undergraduate Research Conference.

Public service and nonprofit leadership graduates can pursue careers in state and local government, political campaigns, advocacy, non-profit organizations, journalism, education, and more, and are prepared to pursue graduate studies in law, public policy, public administration, community development, and public health.

Requirements

Students must complete 128 credits to graduate, including 44 credits in the public service and nonprofit leadership major. Students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative GPA in the major of 2.0. No credit toward the major will be given for any course in which the student receives a grade of less than C-. Students also must fulfill the UNH Discovery Program requirements. Up to three courses may be used toward both the public service and nonprofit leadership major and UNH Discovery Program requirements. Transfer students must take at least 28 credits in the major at UNH Manchester.

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Select eight credits from the following courses:

- PS 407 Politics, Law and Contemporary Society
- PS 500 Social and Political-Economic Theory
- PS 501 Justice Law and Politics
- PS 502 Political Psychology
- PS 510 Politics of Food
- PS 512 People on the Move: Immigration and Refugee Policy in Global Perspective
- PS 513 Politics of Red Tape: Bureaucracy & Policy
- PS 520 Globalization: Politics, Economics and Culture
- PS 651 Selected Topics: Public Service
- PS 695 Public Service Independent Study
- PS 750 Poverty & Inequality Past and Present
- ECN 411 Introduction to Macroeconomic Principles
- ECN 412 Introduction to Microeconomic Principles
- ECN 650 Economics for Managers
- HMP 401 United States Health Care Systems
- HMP 444 From Frankenstein to Dolly, and Beyond
- UMST 631 Engaging in the Community: Learning through Service
- UMST 699 Special Topics

Select one path from the following: 12 credits

**MPA Path**

- PA 700 Foundations and Theories of Public Administration
- PA 709 Organization and Management in Public and Nonprofit Sectors
- PA 718 Nonprofit Management

**MPP Path**

- PPOL 706 Fundamentals of Policy Analysis
- PPOL 712 Strategies for Policy Impact
- PPOL 722 Media Strategy and Communication

Total Credits 44

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