This proposed program is open to students with a Public Administration Minor and a Political Science Major. To be eligible for participation, students must also take the Public Administration Concentration in the POLI major -- that is, three PUBA classes that are not included in the Minor -- as well as another public administration class not in the Minor for one of the three “Concentration Mix” classes in the Political Science Major.

This program will provide an opportunity for AU’s most talented undergraduates in public administration to complete graduate training in a reduced time frame. Many of these students in their senior years meet or exceed the standards for the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. By accepting them slightly earlier, they have the opportunity to take graduate courses as undergraduates, improving their undergraduate education and improving MPA classes through their participation. This program should also attract outstanding graduate students to the AU MPA program. By offering this opportunity to our best undergraduates, we attract highly qualified students to the MPA program. This improves the quality of classes and the learning experiences of all students. In addition, it aids the development of high-performing students into public servants.

### Minimum Qualifications for Admission

1. Have completed at least 45 credit hours but no more than 96 credit hours, including advanced placement credits;
2. Have completed at least 24 credit hours at Auburn;
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.4 overall;
4. Have been admitted into the PA minor and POLI major and completed at least 9 credit hours in the combined Major / Minor, including POLI-1090 American Government in a Multicultural World and POLI-3250 Introduction to Public Administration.
5. Receive a minimum grade of B in POLI-1090 and POLI-3250.

### Minimum Qualifications for Continuation and Graduation

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.4;
2. Receive a grade of B or better in the four double-counted courses (POLI-7350, POLI-7000, POLI-7150, and POLI-7360);
3. Follow the Plan of Study for the four required courses:
   - **Fall semester**
     - POLI-7350 Seminar in Public Administration
     - POLI-7000 Seminar in Research Methods
   - **Spring semester**
     - POLI-7150 Seminar in Public Personnel Administration
     - POLI-7360 Seminar in Policy and Administration
4. To be admitted to the MPA program, the student must complete the BA in public administration, be recommended for admission by the MPA Admissions Committee, and be admitted to the Graduate School.
5. Once a student enters the MPA program, he or she must graduate within four semesters (excluding Summer terms) or the four seminars that were taken for undergraduate credit cannot be counted toward the MPA. Consequently, 42 hours, rather than 30, will be required to complete the MPA.
Application Process

Early in each Spring semester, all undergraduate students in the Public Administration Minor who meet the Minimum Qualifications for Admission will be invited to apply for participation in the Accelerated BA/MPA program. To apply, a student must fill out the application form and submit a short letter of interest indicating why he or she wishes to participate in the program to the MPA Director. After making sure that all minimum qualifications are met, the MPA Officer Administrator will circulate the file to the MPA Admissions Committee. In addition to the minimum requirements, the Admissions Committee may consider other relevant factors, such as work experience, level of maturity, and recommendations from faculty members. The MPA Director will notify the student of the Admissions Committee’s decision. For those accepted, a Letter of Acceptance to the Accelerated Program will be sent to the student, with copies to the student’s CLA advisor and the Graduate Dean.

Students selected will complete their undergraduate degree in the following academic year. Upon successful completion of the Fall semester, they will apply to the MPA program under the same standards as other applicants.

Matriculation Process

Students are selected for the program in the Spring of their junior year. They then complete their undergraduate degree during the next academic year. Because the students have to take two graduate seminars each semester, they will only be allowed to take a maximum of 16 credits per semester.

Assuming a successful completion of the undergraduate part of the program and admission to the MPA program, the student will begin their graduate studies the following year. To receive an MPA, they must complete the other four required seminars, four elective courses, and a six-credit internship or research project. They will have two options. First, they can take 12 credits in the Fall and Spring semesters and graduate after doing their internship or research project in the summer. Alternatively, they can take 9 credits each semester during their first academic year, do the internship or research project in the Summer, and graduate the following Fall.

Advising

Once accepted to the program, the student will schedule a meeting with the MPA Director to discuss their schedule for the upcoming year and other requirements. The MPA Director will continue to serve as her or his advisor through both the undergraduate and graduate portions of the program.

Withdrawal

At any point in the senior year, students may choose to remove themselves from the Accelerated Degree Program, continuing the undergraduate curriculum in the Spring semester. The graduate courses will be included as credit toward the undergraduate major; and students will graduate as normal with their undergraduate degree. Students wishing to withdraw from the program must notify the MPA Director and the Dean of the Graduate School in writing. Students who withdraw from the program, either voluntarily or because they fail to meet program requirements, will not be awarded graduate credit for the double-counted courses.

Courses Taken for Both Undergraduate and Graduate Credit

To receive their BA, students in the Accelerated Program must complete all the requirements for the undergraduate degree. The 4 graduate level courses the students take in their senior year will be credited toward both the BA and the MPA.

Required Fall Seminars

POLI-7350, Seminar in Public Administration. For the undergraduate Political Science Major, this can substitute for a Group IV POLI elective, which is required of all majors.

POLI-7000, Research Methods. For the undergraduate Political Science Major, this can substitute for POLI-3000 Research Methods I, which is required of all majors.
Required Spring Seminars

POLI-7360, Policy and Administration. For the Public Administration Minor, this can substitute for POLI-3270 Policy Process, which is required of all students in the Minor.

POLI-7150, Seminar in Public Personnel. For students taking the Public Management track of the Minor, this can substitute for POLI-4160 Public Personnel Administration.

For students taking the NonProfit Organizations and Community Governance track of the Minor, this can substitute for POLI-5180 Administrative Law.

Effective Number of Public Administration Credits for Students in Accelerated Program

**PUBA Minor**

- Poli-3250 Intro to PA 3
- POLI-7360 Policy & Adm 3
- 2 courses in Track A or B 6
- POLI-7150 Public Personnel 3
- Subtotal 15

**POLI Major**

- POLI-7000 Research Methods 3
- POLI-7350 Seminar in PA 3
- Concentration Mix PA class 3
- 3 Concentration classes 9
- Subtotal 18

**Overall Total** 33
Curriculum Model

**POLI Major in Bold Face; PUBA MINOR in Bold Italics**

*Undergraduate Segment*

**FR**
- ENGL 1100 1120 English Composition I & II 3 3
- POLI 1090/1097 American Government 3 **
- FLNG Foreign Language I & II (College Core) 4 4
- Core Math ** 3 **
- Core Social Science ** 3
- Core History 1010 or 1017* 3 **
- Core Science I ** 4

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- **POLI Group 2 - Distribution Requirement** 3
- ENGL Core Literature 3 **
- Core Science II 4 **
- Core History to complete sequence ** 3
- Core Fine Arts 3 **
- COMM 1000 Public Speaking ** 3
- Approved Humanities Choice** 3 **
- POLI 3250 Intro to PA 3 **
- Electives ** 6

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**JR**
- **POLI Group 1 - Political Thought** 3 **
- POLI Group 2 - Distribution Requirement 3 3
- POLI Group 3 - Concentration Requirement ** 3

**Minor Track Courses** 3 3
- Electives 6 6

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**SR**
- **POLI Group 3 - Concentration Requirement** 3 3
- POLI Group 4 - POLI Electives 3 6
- POLI 7000 Research Methods 3 **
- POLI 7350 Seminar in PA 3 **
- **POLI 7150 Personnel Adm** 3 **
- **POLI 7360 Policy & Adm** 3 **
- Electives 2 **
- UNIV 4AA0 LA1 Undergraduate Graduation ** 0

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**TOTAL HOURS - 120**

Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4: See adviser for approved course listing and exclusions.

Minor Track Courses: See adviser for approved course listing.

* HIST 1210/1217 & 1220/1227 may be used.

** One Core Humanities choice must cover SLO 3.
**Graduate Segment, Option 1**

**Year 1**

**FALL**  
POLI-7260 Organization Theory 3  
POLI-7140 Public Budgeting 3  
Graduate Electives 6  
12

**Spring**  
POLI-7330 Adm Leadership 3  
POLI-7520 Program Evaluation 3  
Graduate Electives 6  
12

**Summer**  
Internship or Research Project 6

**Graduation**

**Graduate Segment, Option 2**

**Year 1**

**FALL**  
POLI-7260 Organization Theory 3  
Graduate Electives 6  
9

**Spring**  
POLI-7330 Adm Leadership 3  
POLI-7520 Program Evaluation 3  
Graduate Elective 3  
9

**Summer**  
Internship or Research Project 6

**Year 2**

**FALL**  
POLI-7140 Public Budgeting 3  
Graduate Elective 3  
Graduation