

## Public Service & Administration – Bachelor of Arts

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## 2025-2026 Transfer Course Sheet

Min. GPA | 2.5

Transferable Hours | 24 Min., 60 Max.

Second Choice Major Eligible | YES

### Required Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Composition and Rhetoric II	3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 104
American Government	3	GOVT 2305	POLS 206
State & Local Government +	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 207
Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3	MATH 1324	MATH 140

This transfer course sheet is applicable for applicants applying between August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

+ Both POLS 206 and 207 are strongly preferred for transfer admissions. Applicants are encouraged to address the lack of a POLS 207 equivalent in their transfer application essay as POLS 207 will be a requirement of this degree.

### Recommended Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Business Calculus	3	MATH 1325	MATH 142
Foreign Language I *	4	e.g. SPAN 1411	e.g. SPAN 101
Foreign Language II *	4	e.g. SPAN 1412	e.g. SPAN 102

\*Applicants with 45 credit hours or more earned are REQUIRED to have both math courses AND at least the first two semesters of the same foreign language completed at the time of application.

- **Maximum Transferable Hours are hours completed at the time of application.** See “Additional Transfer Requirements” on page 2 of this document for more information.
- Required courses listed must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- Trigonometry, College Algebra (MATH 1314), Pre-Calculus, and Statistics are transferable courses but **will not** satisfy the Mathematics requirements in this degree plan.
- Bachelors of Arts applicants are encouraged to complete at least 2 semesters (6 hours) of degree-applicable math before applying for transfer.
- Bachelors of Arts applicants who did not complete 2 years of the same foreign language in high school are encouraged to complete 2 semesters (8 hours) of the same college level foreign language before applying for transfer as this is a degree requirement for all Bachelor of Arts degree plans at TAMU.
- ENGL 1301 is a transferable course but may not satisfy the Communication requirements in this degree plan.
- AP/IB scores must be submitted at the time of application to be considered for coursework required for admission.
- The Bush School will accept AP/IB credit when applicable. DO NOT retake classes for which you have AP/IB credit.

The recommendations below represent what a typical TAMU student's schedule looks like during the first four semesters. If working to complete an Associate's Degree before transferring, please align your degree plan to satisfy TAMU degree requirements. You may not have to complete the coursework in the sequence below but this major requires or recommends specific coursework to be completed.

### First Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
ENGL 1302	ENGL 104	Freshman Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 206	American Government	3
MATH 1324	MATH 140	Math for Business & Social Sciences I	3
HIST 1301	HIST 105	American History I	3
		Foreign Language I*	4
		Total	16

#### SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
SPCH 1315	ENGL 104	Public Speaking	3
GOVT 2306	POLS 207	State & Local Government	3
MATH 1325	MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
HIST 1302	HIST 106	American History II	3
		Foreign Language II*	4
		Total	16



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#### FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Life & Physical Science	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Creative Arts	3
ECON 2301	ECON 203	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
		Foreign Language III*	3
Total			12

#### SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Life & Physical Science	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
ECON 2302	ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
		Foreign Language IV*	3
Total			12

\* Students must take 14 hours of the same foreign language to meet the degree's foreign language requirement (e.g. 14 hours of SPAN).

### Coursework Timeline

- Applications to the summer/fall term **may** be asked to submit spring final grades. Competitive applicants will have Required and Recommended coursework completed by the application deadline.
- Summer coursework **will not** be considered for summer/fall applicants.
- Fall coursework **will not** be considered for spring applicants.
- Applicants to the spring term should have the Required and Recommended coursework completed by the end of Summer II semester before applying.

### Additional Transfer Requirements

- Transfer applicants should have completed a full semester (spring or fall) course load of 12 transferable hours (minimum) after graduating from high school.
- Maximum credit hours listed are hours completed at the time of application. The department strongly recommends that students apply for transfer as early as possible.
- The Bush School is looking for students who are interested in pursuing our degree as a focus. The essay and supporting materials should reflect the students' interest in pursuing our degree, including but not limited to background circumstances in academic career, influences towards major consideration, career aspirations with degree as part of students' path, and how students' understanding of impacts from acts of service.
- All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including accepted credit by exam hours. Applicants cannot select which hours are transferable, or opt to exclude completed hours, all completed hours will be factored when calculating total credit hours completed. All courses completed, regardless of degree applicability, are considered including transcribed credit by exam hours.
- **Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.** The entire record is reviewed for consistency in coursework and grades.

### Career & Educational Opportunities

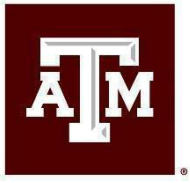
A bachelor's degree in public policy and administration prepares students for impactful careers in public and nonprofit sectors. Students will complete required courses in administrative decision-making; leading and managing public service organizations; public and nonprofit budgeting; policy analysis; research design for public service and other key public service topics. The undergraduate program offers structured clusters of courses in key areas: public policy analysis, public and nonprofit management; and national defense and homeland security/emergency.

Graduates from the PSAA program, graduating with either the B.A. or the B.S., would be well suited and competitive for a wide range of positions in the federal government, positions that have experienced a recent and rapid growth in Texas. Between September 2018 and September 2022, the number of federal government employees with at least a bachelor's degree grew at a 3% annual rate in Texas<sup>1</sup>. On average, over that period, the federal government expanded its college-educated workforce in Texas by more than 1,600 new jobs each year.

Recent data on Texas from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey suggests that 36% of state and local government employees who are not in the public education sector hold at least a bachelor's degree. Furthermore, the public sector workforce is aging. In 2021, the federal government employed more than 1 million workers with at least a bachelor's degree, and more than 50,000 (5%) were already at or above retirement age. Some scholars believe that the state and local sector has been aging even faster. The bottom line, even if employment growth stalls, hiring to replace retiring public sector workers will remain strong.

Finally, the nonprofit sector has also been growing rapidly and that growth is also projected to persist. Consider, for example, fundraisers. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment of fundraisers is projected to grow 11% from 2021-2031, much faster than the average for all occupations" with roughly 11,400 job openings each year<sup>3</sup>. The Texas Workforce Commission projects that employment in this occupation will grow at even faster rate (21.4%) in Texas with more than 600 job openings each year in this single nonprofit occupation alone.

US Office of Personnel Management at <https://www.fedscope.opm.gov>.



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<sup>2</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Nonfarm Employment by Industry, various years.

<sup>3</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/fundraisers.htm>.

### Transfer Course Sheet Notes

1. Admission preference is given to applicants with the highest GPA and the most appropriate courses completed.
2. Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete [University Core Curriculum](#) coursework found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) unless specified above.
3. This Transfer Course Sheet was supported in a partnership between the Office of Admissions and the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.