What can I do with a major in...

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

A degree in Public Policy and Administration prepares students for public service in a global environment. The program emphasizes creative problem-solving, leadership, and management in complex urban areas, and provides students with the tools and skills to make a difference in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

INDUSTRIES:
Government (Local, State, and Federal), Education, Healthcare, Law, Social Services, Private

Salary
- Entry Level: $40,805
- Median Level: $71,490

Common Job Titles
- Nonprofit Executive Director
- Human Resources Director
- City Planner/Manager
- Community Development Planner
- Housing Development Specialist
- Procurement Specialist
- Project Administrator
- Housing Grant Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Planning Director
- Regional Planner
- Urban Design Consultant
- Emergency Planner

Skills
- Active Learning and Listening
- Public Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing and Speaking
- Complex Problem Solving
- Learning Strategies
- Time Management
- Operations Analysis
- Ethical Judgement and Decision Making

Tools
- Notebook computers
- Personal digital assistant
- Global positioning system (GPS)
- Personal computers
- Geographic Info Systems (GIS)
- Personal computers
- Cloud-based file sharing
- Software modeling
- Artificial intelligence
- Data analytics

Knowledge
- Law and Government
- Administration and Management
- Customer and Personal Service
- Communications and Media
- Transportation
- Geography
- Design
- Ethics
Popular Employers
Government
United Nations
MSNBC
Federal Government
CNN
Whole Foods
Cleveland Clinic
Florida Department of Education
Miami-Dade County
City of Miami Beach
United States Department of Homeland Security
Broward County Sheriff's Office
CISCO
Baptist Health Systems
The United Way
City Year
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Quicken Loans
Google

Related Occupations
Geospatial Information Scientists and Technologists
Remote Sensing Scientists and Technologists
City and Regional Planning Aides
Transportation Planners
Program Administrators
Geographers
Urban Planners
City Clerks
Budget Analysts
Nonprofit Directors
Social Workers

Advice from professionals is great
Make Connections. It’s important for public administration majors to network and build relationships when attending professional events. Professional associations allows for networking, mentoring, learning the industry trends and finding career or internship opportunities. Professional associations within public administration include:

Professional Associations
International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)
American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP)
The Alliance for Nonprofit Management
The National Conference of Minority Public Administrators

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