

Bachelor of Arts

Public Safety Administration

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Safety Administration (PSA) degree is designed to assist the First Responder (Fire, Law Enforcement, and others) to seek promotion by gaining their Bachelors degree. The client has the option to begin at the beginning with the general education curriculum or transfer in up to 62 credit hours from a community college through an Associate's degree in Arts. Once the client has completed the general education curriculum they may begin the take the courses that make of the core of this degree. At that time the client may select one of two emphasis areas, Business Management or Law/Government. Once that emphasis area has been completed the client may select one concentration area from the three concentrations that we offer: Fire Science, Law Enforcement, or the First Responder. For the client's convenience the degree is divided into four primary areas: General Education; the Core; the Emphasis; and the Concentration.

General Education Curriculum: (33 hours)

Written and Oral Communication: (9 semester hours)

EN 101 - English Composition

EN 300 - English Composition

COM 101 - Oral Communication

Quantifying Skills: (3 semester hours)

MA 113 - College Algebra

Natural Sciences (8 semester hours)

Two lab-based natural science courses

Humanities and Fine Arts: (12 semester hours)

One course in History

One course in Literature

One course in Fine Arts

A second course in History, Literature, or Fine Arts

Social Science: (3 semester hours)

(one of the following areas)

Economics

Geography

Political Science

Psychology

Religion

Sociology

Women's Studies

Critical Thinking: (3 semester hours)

Philosophy (non-religion)

Technology: (3 semester hours)

BU 160 - Spreadsheet Applications

Health-Related Course: (1-3 semester hours)

Health and Kinesiology

Food and Nutrition

Public-Safety Administration Core (33 hours)

BU 160	Spreadsheet Applications
BU 211	Principles of Accounting I
BU 294	Introduction to Information Systems
BU 333	Organizational Communication
BU 381	Principles of Management
BU 382	Organizational Behavior
BU 383	Business Leadership
BU 404	Human Resource Management
BU 445	Risk Management and Assessment
POL 301	Public Administration
POL 307	Public Budgeting

Emphasis in Management/Business (21 hours)

This emphasis requires two courses in a foreign language (Spanish is recommended which count towards the B.A. degree).

BU 201	Principles of Economics I
BU 212	Principles of Accounting II
BU 345	Advanced Statistical Analysis for Business
BU 355	Business Finance
BU 361	Principles of Marketing
BU 385	Operations/Production Management
BU 497	Strategic Management

Emphasis in Law/Government (21 hours)

PLG 101	Introduction to the Legal Profession
PLG 200	Legal Bibliography and Research I
PLG 202	Legal Bibliography and Research II
PLG 241	Legal Environment of Business
PLG 427/431/433	Administrative Law, Criminal Law, or Environmental Law
POL 201	American Government
POL 325/440	State and Local Governments of the United States or Urban Politics and Policy

Public-Safety Concentration (Fire-Science Management) 15 hours

3 hours	Fire Prevention Organization and Management
3 hours	Community Risk Reduction
3 hours	Applications of Fire Research
6 hours	Internship

Public-Safety Concentration (Law Enforcement) 15 hours

3 hours	TBA
3 hours	TBA
3 hours	TBA
6 hours	Internship

Public-Safety Concentration (First Responder Management) 15 hours

3 hours	TBA
3 hours	TBA
3 hours	TBA
6 hours	Internship

Total Hours Required for a B.A. in Public Safety Administration: 124 Semester Hours