

South Carolina State University

B.S. in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration

Student FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Learn the answers to the most common questions about the Bachelors of Science in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration online program from South Carolina State University.

Q: What are the admission requirements?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students admitted into the program must have completed an associate degree or General Education course requirements. The program is delivered online providing the convenience and flexibility needed by working adults.
Q: What are the deadlines for admissions?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Fall semester: applications must be received by May 31st➤ Spring semester: applications must be received by October 31st➤ Summer semester: applications must be received by April 1st
Q: Why should I major in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Political Science with a concentration on Public Administration is an applied degree taught in a social science setting. It is perfect for people interested in public service through work in government and non-profit organizations. You will mix the theoretical with skills in management, policy and politics that will be useful in a wide variety of jobs. As compared to business there is more emphasis on critical thinking and writing skills and less on quantitative skills. It is of most value to those who intend to work in the public and non-profit sectors-- about 20% of the population.
Q: What are the differences between those working in the public and private sectors?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Those who work in the public sector tend to do so out of what is known as public service motivation—a genuine desire to do good in the world. Generally speaking, you will have higher wages in the private sector but more job security and better benefits in government and large non-profit organizations. Studies indicate that job satisfaction is highly correlated with doing meaningful work, and both the public and nonprofit sectors appeal to those who want to help others and improve their communities.
What advantages does a Public Administration major have over other majors?
Q: What is the range of salaries in the public sector?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The salaries in the public sector differ from state to state and agency to agency
Q: What type of support (tutoring, writing assistance, etc.) is available for students entering this major?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The PUSH Writing Center is housed in the Department of English and Modern Languages. It provides assistances in writing skills for all students across every discipline. It is equipped with computers, printing services and hourly tutors that are willing to assist their peers at any stage of the writing phase to include but is not limited to pre-writing, thesis statements, supporting ideas, coherence, unity, organization, sentence structure, grammar and mechanics, research strategies and more. (803) 533-3649
<p>Q: When is the latest I can add a course?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please refer to your academic calendar each semester
<p>Q: When can I withdraw from a class?</p>
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<p>Q: Where can I get general advice on careers?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Career Center provides opportunities for students to connect with employers, faculty, staff, and alumni to meet the dynamic needs of today’s workplace. It engages students at a crossroads of academic learning and professional life and equips them with skills and resources for life-long career management. Services include career counseling, the Career Resource Center, job fairs, meetings with recruiters, mock interviews, on-campus interviews, resume and letter writing, seminars, workshops, and webinars. Phone: 803-536-7033
<p>Q: How do I find out about jobs in the public sector?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most local governments, as well as states and the federal government job postings on their website, many students learn more about searching during internships
<p>Q: How available will my advisor be to answer any questions that I may have?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The advisor in this major is also a departmental chairperson as well as a full-time faculty member with a full course load, which means this person may not respond as quickly by phone but will be available by email.
<p>Q: Is there a secondary person that I can speak with in the event my advisor is not available?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If the advisor(s) are not readily available by phone, students may send an email to the advisor Dr. Ben Jua bjua@scsu.edu or consult the department administrative specialist which is Ms. Alison Mintz (803) 536-8169
<p>Q: Do you help graduates with placements?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students can consult with their advisors about internship opportunities, which may lead to job placement.
<p>Q: Although this is an online major are there any accommodations for students with disabilities?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS) offers a variety of services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities upon request.