

Area A – Essential Skills (9 credit hours)	GSU	
	Hrs	Grade
ENGL 1101: English Comp I	3	
ENGL 1102: English Comp II	3	
MATH 1101, 1111 or higher	3	

Area H – Concentration (Choose One):

(21 credit hours)

A grade of "C" or higher is required in Area H.

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	Hrs	Grade
Required Courses in concentration	15	
Elective Courses in concentration	6	

Area B – Institutional Options (4 credit hours)

Select 2 courses from the following:

PHIL 1010: Critical Thinking	2	
SPCH 1000: Human Communication	2	
PERS 2001: Cultural Perspectives	2	
PERS 2002: Scientific Perspectives	2	

Area C – Humanities & Fine Arts (6 credit hours)

Select two courses from groups 1, 2, and 3 below.

The two courses may not come from the same group.

1. Humanities	0-3	
2. Fine Arts	0-3	
3. Foreign Language 1002 or higher	0-3	

Area D – Science, Math and Technology (11 credit hours)

1. Select one two-course science sequence	8	
2. Select one course (must be from a discipline different from one selected in group 1 above)	3	

Area E – Social Sciences (12 credit hours)

No student may take more than six hours in Area E from any one department.

Public Policy majors must take a social science course other than ECON 2105, ECON 2106, SOCI 1101 and PSYC 1101 to satisfy Section 3 of Area E.

1. United States History - Legislative Requirement (satisfied by HIST 2110, POLS 1101)	6	
2. Global Economics, Global Politics, and World History. Requirement: Select one course	3	
3. Social Science Foundations: Select one course	3	

Area F – Courses Appropriate to the Major (18 credit hours)

ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics	3	
ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics	3	
SOCI 1101: Intro to Sociology	3	
PSYC 1101: Intro to Psychology	3	
Electives: Two three-hour courses @ 1000-2000 level (with restrictions)	6	

Area G – Major Common Core Curriculum (21 credit hours)

A grade of "C" or higher is required in Area G.

PAUS 3021: Citizen, Community & Public Sector	3	
PAUS 3031: Policy Leadership	3	
PAUS 3311: Critical Policy Issues	3	
PAUS 4021: Working with Policy Data	3	
PAUS 4031: Evaluating Public Policy	3	
PAUS 4061: Intro to Policy Analysis	3	
PAUS 4941: Internship	3	

Degree Total: 120 credits

For more information: <http://aysps.gsu.edu/paus/>

Nonprofit Leadership (21):

Required courses (15):

PAUS 3210 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
 PAUS 3213 Nonprofit Financial Resources
 PAUS 3231 Nonprofit Management and Leadership
 PAUS 3611 Intro Human Res. Dev in Public & Nonprofit Orgs
 LGLS 3020 Intro to Law OR POLS 3145 Intro to American Law
Select two courses from the following (6 hrs):
 PAUS 3411 Contemporary Planning
 PAUS 3801 Public Administration and Politics
 PAUS 4211 Issues/Probs Personnel Mgmt Syst Public & NP
 PAUS 4451 Economic Development Policy and Planning

Planning and Economic Development (21):

Required courses (15 hrs):

ECON 4300 Economics of Cities
 PAUS 3011 Policy and Politics in the American City
 PAUS 3411 Contemporary Planning
 PAUS 4401 Planning Theory and Analysis
 PAUS 4451 Economic Development Policy and Planning

Choose two courses from the following (6 hrs):

ECON 4350 Economics of Poverty and Public Policy
 ECON4600 Economic Development
 GEOG 4766 Urban Transportation Planning
 PAUS 3111 Urban Political Economy
 PAUS 3801 Public Administration and Politics
 PAUS 3831 Governmental Budgeting
 PAUS 4301 Local Governance

Public Management and Governance (21):

Required courses (15 hrs):

PAUS 3411 Contemporary Planning
 PAUS 3801 Public Administration and Politics
 PAUS 3831 Governmental Budgeting
 PAUS 4301 Local Governance
 PAUS 4451 Economic Development Policy and Planning

Select two courses from the following (6 hrs):

PAUS 3111 Urban Political Economy
 PAUS 3210 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
 PAUS 3611 Intro Human Res. Dev in Public & Nonprofit Orgs
 POLS 4115 Urban Politics
 LGLS 3020 Intro to Law OR POLS 3145 Intro to American Law

Public and Nonprofit Human Resource Policy (21):

Required courses (15 hrs):

PAUS 3211 Career Develop in Public & Nonprofit Organizations
 PAUS 3611 Intro Human Res. Dev in Public & Nonprofit Orgs
 PAUS 3801 Public Administration and Politics
 PAUS 4211 Issues/Probs Personnel Mgmt Syst Public & NP
 PAUS 4261 Org. Contexts Public/NPt Personnel Policy & Admin

Select two courses from the following (6 hrs):

ECON 4960 Economics of Work and Pay
 PAUS 3210 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
 PAUS 3411 Contemporary Planning
 LGLS 3020 Intro to Law OR POLS 3145 Intro to American Law

Area I – Approved Electives (18 credit hours)

Any 3000/4000 level courses with advisor approval	18	
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Overview of Careers in the New Public Sector

(Excerpts from PublicServiceCareers.org – a website sponsored by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, and the American Society for Public Administration)

What makes a professional career in public service so unique is the emphasis on tackling "wicked problems" – the challenging issues that define the public agenda and call for talented individuals to devote their efforts to finding solutions. Here are just a few of the "wicked problems" on the agenda today:

- Managing global climate change and controlling its underlying causes such as carbon emissions
- Supplying food, energy and clean water to the growing populations in developing countries
- Securing the United States and other countries against the possibility of chemical, biological and nuclear terrorism
- Redeveloping older urban areas that have lost their economic base in manufacturing
- Transitioning recently incarcerated persons into productive, nonviolent lives in society
- Ending the epidemic of HIV infection in developed and developing countries.
- Providing quality education and health care to children living in poverty.

These high profile problems are only a piece of the entire picture of public service careers. Many worthwhile careers in the new public sector are devoted to providing absolutely vital daily services to the public in cities, counties, states and nations around the world. Professionals in these careers often must tackle very challenging problems such as expanding services to meet the needs of changing populations without necessarily raising taxes, implementing information technologies that better connect citizens to their governments, and improving responses to natural disasters. Employment demand for professionals to provide leadership, financial management, policy analysis and other such skills has never been stronger.



Average Salaries for Careers in Public Policy

Job Type	Salary/ Range
Government- affairs executive	100,400
Executive Director, NPO	\$34,000 - \$66,500
Director of volunteer services	41,650
Human Resources Director	\$79,525 - \$97,750
Public Works Director	61,982
City Manager	85,587
Health Officer	59,286
Policy Analyst	\$35,000 - \$53,844
Education director	59,817
Marketing manager	45,000
Consultant, Business	\$57,500 - \$74,500
Program Administrator, NPO	\$40,000 - \$55,000
Director of Program Management, Human Services	\$55,000 - \$70,000
Purchasing Manager	\$48,750 - \$56,250
Entry-Level Federal Position (Grade 11)	\$46,189 - \$60,049
Grant-proposal manager	48,740
Mid-Career Federal Position (Grade 13)	\$65,832 - \$85,578

Private sector salary information from PayScale. Federal Government salary information from the US Office of Personal Management, Nonprofit salary information from The Nonprofit Times, 2002; Municipal Government salary information from International City/Council Management Association, 2001. This information does not account for different localities or the cost of living.

Useful Links for Career & Internship Information

Public Service Careers – www.PublicServiceCareers.org
 Idealist.org - www.Idealist.org
 GSU Career Services - <http://www.gsu.edu/career>
 Georgia Governor's Intern Program - <http://intern.gov.georgia.gov/>
 Georgia Secretary of State Intern Program - <http://sos.georgia.gov/misc/intern.html>
 Georgia Center for Nonprofits - <http://www.gcn.org/Default.aspx>
 Internships at Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites - <http://gastateparks.org/net/content/page.aspx?s=43467.43467.1.5>
 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) - <http://www.cdc.gov/employment/index.htm>
 National Conference of State Legislatures (Internships) - <http://www.ncsl.org/public/LegInternProg.htm#ga>
 Democratic Party of Georgia - <http://www.democraticpartyofgeorgia.org/interns>
 Georgia Republican Party - <http://www.gagop.org/>
 Georgia Department of Transportation - <http://www.dot.state.ga.us>
 The Vault - <http://www.vault.com/index.jsp>
 College Recruiter - <http://www.collegerecruiter.com/>
 Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://online.onetcenter.org/>
 US Department of Labor - <http://www.bls.gov/emp/>
 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) - <http://www.aspanet.org>
 National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration - <http://www.naspaa.org>
 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) - <http://www.appam.org>