

# Public Affairs

College of Liberal Arts

## Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs is an interdisciplinary degree that emphasizes critical thinking about political and social values and public institutions. Most BAPA graduates seek employment in the public or nonprofit sector. Students interested in attending law school or graduate school will be well served by this rigorous degree program. Within the Public Affairs major, students can choose from concentrations in Public Policy & Politics, Public Administration & Management, and Justice Studies.

## Sample Courses

All students are required to take seven core courses:

- ◆ The American Constitution
- ◆ American Public Policy
- ◆ Introduction to Public Administration
- ◆ Introduction to Social Research
- ◆ Quantitative Techniques
- ◆ Comparative Public Policy
- ◆ Leadership Skills for Managers

Electives include:

- ◆ Voting and Elections
- ◆ Political Parties and Interest Groups
- ◆ Crime Control Policies
- ◆ Negotiations and Ethics
- ◆ Civil Liberties
- ◆ Sociology of Race Relations

## Career Opportunities

- ◆ Graduate School
- ◆ Law School
- ◆ Non-Profit Organizations
- ◆ Government Agencies
- ◆ Management
- ◆ Corrections

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

There are many ways to put a WSU education within your financial reach. Go to [www.vancouver.wsu.edu/ss/fabase.htm](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/ss/fabase.htm) or call 360-546-9559 to find information about the financial aid programs in which WSU participates, scholarship and event information, and links to other useful financial home pages and online services.

## Apply

Freshman and transfer students are encouraged to apply by the general University admissions priority deadlines:

- ◆ January 31st for Fall Semester or Summer
- ◆ October 1st for Spring Semester

Apply online at:

[www.vancouver.wsu.edu/ads/apply.htm](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/ads/apply.htm)

## More Info

Explore the Public Affairs program website at:  
[www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/pa/pa.htm](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/pa/pa.htm)