FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department School of Public Administration

College Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Program Name
Public Management Minor (change and add Certificate option)

☐ **New Program***

☑ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

The faculty of the School of Public Administration are requesting to update the requirements for the Public Management Minor to also add a Certificate option. We make this request based on feedback we have received from our stakeholders, including our SPA Advisory Board. Many of our stakeholders are currently leaders in local/county/state government agencies.

To align our Minor with others in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters (and others throughout FAU), the faculty are proposing to reduce the required credits to 12 (from 15). We are also adding a Certificate option that also requires the completion of 12 credits.

The Certificate option provides flexibility for the completion of the required courses based on a student's interests. The undergraduate program coordinator can approve the completion of six required credits among a selection of courses, which also gives students several options for the six elective credits.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation
N/A

Approved by		***Date***
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Email this form and attachments to mjenning@fau.edu seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

Public Management
Undergraduate Minor
Undergraduate Certificate

(Minimum of ~~15~~12- credits required)

~~A~~ The minor/certificate in Public Management consists of ~~15~~12 credits of upper-division coursework. Of the ~~15~~12 credits, at least ~~12~~9 must be earned from FAU. The minor/certificate provides the student with a base of knowledge about management issues in government, the application of management principles, administrative and regulatory procedures, due process and administrative ethics. Additionally, the minor/certificate exposes the student to specific areas of public management, including public personnel, budgeting and finance and organizational behavior. The minor is only available to degree-seeking students at FAU. The certificate is available to any undergraduate student in an academic program at FAU, non-degree seeking professionals who may have an interest in public service, or other interested individuals.

A minimum grade of "C" is required for each PAD-prefixed course. Grades of "C-" and below cannot be applied to the minor.

Undergraduate Minor Requirements

Complete 9 credits from the following core courses ~~12 credits~~:

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Public Management and Administration	PAD 3003	3
Organizational Behavior and Administrative Communication	PAD 3104	3
Public Budgeting and Finance	PAD 4223	3
Managing People in the Public Sector	PAD 4414	3

Complete 3 *credits from the following elective courses (can also select from the list above):*

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Public Budgeting Techniques and Processes	PAD 4228	3
Program Evaluation in Public Management	PAD 4320	3
Managing for Excellence in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors	PAD 4332	3

Public Sector Labor Relations	PAD 4426	3
Administrative Process and Ethics	PAD 4604	3
State and Local Government Administration	PAD 4806	3
Special Topics	PAD 4931	3

Undergraduate Certificate requirements*

Complete 6 credits from the following:

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Public Management and Administration	PAD 3003	3
Organizational Behavior and Administrative Communication	PAD 3104	3
Managing for Excellence in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors	PAD 4332	3
Managing People in the Public Sector	PAD 4414	3

Complete 6 credits from the following:

Public Budgeting and Finance	PAD 4223	3
Program Evaluation in Public Management	PAD 4320	3
Administrative Process and Ethics	PAD 4604	3
Public Sector Labor Relations	PAD 4426	3
Communication Skills for Public Managers	PAD 3438	3
Information Technology in Public Administration	PAD 3712	3
Special Topics	PAD 4931	3

* Substitutions may be made with the approval of the undergraduate programs' coordinator.