



Want to make a positive difference in your community?



Career Opportunities

Work in these and
other fields . . .

Community outreach	Government
Corrections	Juvenile systems
Court systems	Law enforcement
Fire science management	Native American tribal councils
	Public health

“Public Agency Service is the degree to earn if you want to work in a public agency. You can specialize in your area of interest to build skills and knowledge for the job you want after graduation. Professors really care about you as a person—you’re not just a face in the crowd.”

Tammy Cudaback, Class of 2006

Do you resonate with the idea of “thinking globally and acting locally”? Graduates in public agency service are the insiders who make a positive difference in our communities—the everyday heroes who improve the lives of those in need.

Courses in communication, values, ethics and policy, public administration, management, and science combine to give you a well-rounded, highly marketable degree. Our graduates are sought by city, county, state, and federal governments, who provide secure jobs with excellent benefits.

This is the degree for you if you are seeking a career that requires a broad general education, looking to advance your current career, or considering a pre-professional degree plan, such as law.

Degree Programs

■ Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

With this degree, you choose an emphasis and minor, certificate, or interdisciplinary focus. Focus areas:

- Ethical Reasoning
- Creative and Humanistic Inquiry
- Scientific Reasoning and Inquiry
- Social and Political Foundations
- Cultural Understanding

■ Bachelor of Applied Science

The BAS is for those who already have, or are working on, an associate’s degree. Emphasis areas:

- Public Agency Administration
- Social and Community Service
- Administration of Justice
- Fire Science Administration

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

So you want to be the boss ...

Good leadership requires a clear understanding of your agency's mission and its technical aspects, but it also requires what could be called "vision." An effective manager sees beyond the day-to-day challenges and has learned to strategize. In our **Public Agency Policy** course, explore the larger planning processes for public agencies, including the intersection of planning, budgeting, personnel, exterior and internal pressures, and performance expectations.

The politics of budgeting?

It's not as simple as addition and subtraction. Budgeting for public agencies has political, institutional, and procedural dimensions. Personalities can even come into play. In **Politics of Budgeting**, you'll survey budget theories and techniques and compare the differing budget perspectives of federal, state, and local organizations.

Personnel? Spell that "P-E-O-P-L-E"

Whether you're hiring or firing, giving a pep talk to the office pool, or planning a retirement party, you are managing people. In our **Public Agency Personnel Administration** course, learn practical tips for supervising support staff and management. Study the basics of recruitment, motivation, evaluation, promotion, career development, grievances, and termination.

Experience the Work World

Earn academic credit with field study that will develop your job skills and build your professional network. We encourage PAS students to take part in social and community service within a human services setting. Supervised internships are also available in the Arizona Legislature on a competitive basis. To provide hands-on internship experiences, the PAS department has contractual arrangements with numerous public and private agencies throughout Arizona and neighboring communities.

Study Abroad

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