100% online

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration

COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

100% ONLINE



120 CREDIT HOURS

Admission Requirements:

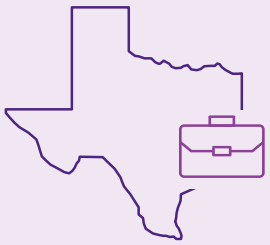
- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Submit official high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA and/or college transcripts with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT test scores.

Cost:

- Per Credit: $395
- Per Course: $1,185
- Total Tuition: $47,400
- Total Tuition + Fees: $53,600

Timeline: 3.5 Years

Job Outlook in Texas:



231,108 Jobs
in 2025*

+2.3%
Employment Growth (2025-2026)

$103,100 *per year*
Median Earnings

*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree. Source Lightcast 2026.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Major Requirements:

PAPP 200: Introduction to Public Administration
Introduces the principles, structures, and functions of public administration, emphasizing government operations, public service, democratic accountability, and the roles of public and nonprofit organizations.

PAPP 310: Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management in Public Service
Examines organizational behavior, employee motivation, human resource practices, and workforce development within public and nonprofit organizations, emphasizing ethical leadership and organizational effectiveness.

PAPP 320: Public Budgeting and Financial Management
Explores public budgeting processes, financial planning, resource allocation, and fiscal accountability in government and nonprofit organizations, emphasizing responsible stewardship and financial decision-making.

PAPP 330: Public Policy Analysis and Implementation
Examines the development, analysis, implementation, and assessment of public policies, emphasizing policy alternatives, stakeholder interests, and evidence-based decision-making.

PAPP 340: Administrative Law, Ethics, and Servant Leadership
Explores administrative law, regulatory processes, ethical decision-making, and servant leadership, emphasizing legal accountability, integrity, transparency, and public trust.

PAPP 350: Nonprofit Leadership, Community Advocacy, and Social Responsibility
Examines nonprofit governance, organizational leadership, community advocacy, and social responsibility, emphasizing stakeholder engagement, collaborative partnerships, and community development.

PAPP 360: Public Administration Theory and Practice
Explores foundational and contemporary theories of public administration and their application to organizational leadership, governance, administrative decision-making, and public service challenges.

PAPP 410: Applied Research Methods and Statistics
Introduces qualitative and quantitative research methods, data collection, statistical analysis, and research ethics, emphasizing the interpretation and application of evidence to public administration challenges.

PAPP 420: Public Program Evaluation and Social Impact
Examines methods for evaluating public and nonprofit programs, emphasizing performance measurement, program effectiveness, accountability, outcome assessment, and measurable community impact.

PAPP 490: Public Administration Capstone
Integrates public administration theory, leadership, policy analysis, financial management, and applied research through a comprehensive project addressing a public or nonprofit organizational challenge.

Supplement to the Major

GVTO 225: National Government
The American political system.

ACTO 210: Financial Accounting
Introduction to financial accounting. Emphasis given to corporate financial statements, their preparation, and their use in decision making by persons outside the organization. Incorporates identifying, analyzing, measuring, recording and communication of financial information.

ECON 261: Principles of Microeconomics
Economics of the firm and industry; supply and demand; revenue and costs; profits; consumer behavior; markets; the price system; the role of government; inequality; and comparative economic systems.

COMM 475: Persuasion
Includes theories and principles of communication useful in a number of contexts where individual or group change is important.

Electives

22 hours of electives.

General Education/University Requirements:

56 hours of general education and university requirements are needed to fulfill this degree, including 9-15 hours of Bible courses. Specific courses will be determined based on a student's incoming transfer credits.