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Public Administration

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Public Administration

In an increasingly complex world, society needs effective leadership and competence in the administration of public services. Situated within an increasingly complex society, the added responsibilities and growth of all levels of government and public service organizations has led to the need for more capable public administrators.

The structure and necessity of government continues to evolve, and with it the need for competent public administration scholars and practitioners. This is especially true in Imperial County, where the percentage of those working in the public sector is twice the national average.

The primary purpose of the public administration major is to provide knowledge and skills for students who wish to prepare themselves for management careers in government, community agencies, nonprofit organizations, planning and consulting firms, and private sector organizations that work in partnership with the public sector. Our faculty consists of a mix of published scholars as well as prominent government leaders in the community. In addition to the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration degree, SDSU Imperial Valley also offers a Minor in Public Administration.

What job can I get with a public administration degree?

With a public administration degree, you will be prepared for a public sector career in:

- Administration and finance
- City planning
- Environmental management
- Policy analysis and advising
- Community and economic development
- Educational administration and planning
- Health care management
- Housing affairs
- Human resource management
- Labor management
- Transportation
- And many other public sector careers!



Future SDSU Imperial Valley Regional Resilience (r2) Research Lab

The r2 Lab will serve as the research hub for SDSU-IV, as well as create an academic center for developing research-driven partnerships with community agencies. The lab will contribute to expand research opportunities for SDSU-IV faculty, and become one of the primary research locations in the Imperial Valley.

Faculty will span several SDSU-IV programs, the lab will be able to conduct transdisciplinary research helping to elevate the scholarship conducted on campus and improve the quality of life for the Imperial Valley. Current members include faculty in the Criminal Justice, Homeland Security, Mathematics, and Public Administration disciplines. Examples of projects underway include research focusing on community leadership, teaching mathematics at an HSI, and active shooter incidents.

In short, the lab will: 1) provide a space dedicated to faculty and student-aided research that is evidence-based and transdisciplinary; 2) function as a meeting location to collaborate with community partners on regional research projects; and 3) serve as a location to host San Diego campus colleagues and research assistants working on regional research projects.

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SDSU Imperial Valley Public Administration MASTER PLAN

The SDSU Imperial Valley Public Administration major, the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration, is offered as a transfer program only.

Admission to SDSU Imperial Valley as a transfer student in the Public Administration

To be admitted to the SDSU Imperial Valley as an upper-division transfer (UDT) student:

- 1. Be in good academic standing** at last college or university attended, “good standing” means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university;
- 2. Have an overall college GPA of at least 2.40;** your GPA is calculated using all your transfer units attempted;
- 3. Complete a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of transferable coursework** including 10 lower-division general education courses (30 semester units or 45 quarter units) and four basic skills courses.

Major Preparation coursework: 18-19 UNITS (Six Courses)

COURSE	IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE EQUIVALENT	UNITS
Accounting 201	ACCT 210	3
Economics 101	ECON 102	3
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Political Science 102	POLS 102	3
MIS 180	CIS 101	3
Choose SOC 201, STAT 119, or STAT 250*	MATH 119*	

*MATH 119 at Imperial Valley College is four units

Applying to SDSU Imperial Valley (as a transfer or 4-year student)

- 1. Apply online at calstate.edu/apply** – October 1 to December 15 — Once your admission application has been submitted SDSU Imperial Valley will contact you via mail or electronic correspondence in regards to the supplemental application process.
- 2. Submit SDSU Supplemental Application:** In January, you will be invited to log back into Cal State Apply to submit SDSU’s Supplemental Application. In it, you will tell us which major preparation requirements you have already fulfilled and which are in progress.
- 3. Check Your Application Status:** Several days after submitting Cal State Apply, you will be e-mailed login credentials to access my.SDSU, San Diego State University’s applicant pool. Check your admission status weekly through my.SDSU.

Major Requirements

39 Units (Thirteen Courses Total)

Upper Division Core Classes: 21 Units (Seven Courses)

PA 200	The Urban Scene	Offered in Fall*
PA 301	Concepts and Issues in Public Administration	Offered in Fall and Spring**
PA 310	Management of Urban Governments	Offered in Fall
PA 330	Public Personnel Administration	Offered in Spring
PA 340	Administrative Behavior	Offered in Fall
PA 450	Fiscal & Budgetary Policy	Offered in Spring***
PA 460	Administration & Public Policy Development	Offered in Spring

*Take first semester (or first Fall semester) in major

**Take first year in major, preferably first semester

***Prerequisite is PA 301

Upper Division Electives: 15 Units (Five Courses)

At least three courses (nine units) must be Public Administration (PA). Students are encouraged to take two 500 level courses. Non-PA SDSU Imperial Valley qualifying electives exist in Biology, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Criminal Justice, Geography, Geology, Gerontology, History, Public Health, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Women’s Studies – please see advisor for more specifics. The Public Administration electives are listed below:

PA 312	Management of State Governments	Offered in Spring
PA 315	Management of the Federal Government	Offered in Summer*
PA 350	Contemporary Urban Issues	Offered in Spring
PA 480	Leadership and the Public Sector	Offered in Fall*
PA 485	Planning and Public Policy in US-Mexico Border Region	Offered in Fall*
PA 520	Decision Making in the Urban Community	Offered in Spring*

*Prerequisite is PA 301

Upper Division Practicum: 3 Units (Choose One Course)

Prerequisite for each course: 90 units completed. Choose one from the following:

Option 1: PA 497	Investigation and Report	Offered in Fall and Spring
Option 2: PA 498	Internship in Criminal Justice	Offered in Fall and Spring*

*Minimum 3.00 GPA, required prerequisites PA 301, PA 330, PA 340, PA 450 and must request permission to enroll

Upper Division General Education Explorations Requirement: 6 Additional Units (Two Classes)

Students must choose one Cultural Diversity course from an Area A (Natural Sciences), B (Social and Behavioral Sciences), or C (Humanities) category and one ethnic studies course. Please see advisor for options and schedule.

Public Administration Minor

Students must complete 21 units (Seven Courses):

Required Courses: 15 Units (Five Courses)

POLS 102	Introduction to American and California Gov. and Politics*	Offered in Fall
PA 301	Concepts and Issues in Public Administration	Offered in Fall and Spring
PA 310	Management of Urban Governments	Offered in Fall
PA 330	Public Personnel Administration	Offered in Spring
PA 450	Fiscal & Budgetary Policy	Offered in Spring**

*Imperial Valley College equivalent is POLS 102

**Prerequisite is PA 301

Public Administration Minor Elective Courses: 6 units (Choose Two of the Courses Below)

PA 312	Management of State Governments	Offered in Spring
PA 315	Management of the Federal Government	Offered in Summer*
PA 350	Contemporary Urban Issues	Offered in Spring
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*Prerequisite is PA 301

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Dominika Bukalova



Dr. Dominika Bukalova is an Assistant Professor of Public Administration at SDSU Imperial Valley and a member of the faculty of the School of Public Affairs at San Diego State University. Her research focuses on the competencies that support leadership practice in public administration and how competencies are developed to address challenges in a local government context. Prior to joining the faculty, Dr. Bukalova worked in local government, where her experience included serving as Chief of Staff to the San Diego City Council President and holding the positions of Director of Policy and Committee Consultant at the San Diego City Council. Dr. Bukalova is also a certified leadership coach. She earned her Ph.D. in leadership studies at the University of San Diego, and is a graduate of San Diego State University (M.A. in Political Science) and The George Washington University (B.A. in Political Science and International Affairs) in Washington, DC.

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. David Kanaan



Dr. David Kanaan is Chair of the Division of Professional Studies at SDSU Imperial Valley and a member of the faculty of the School of Public Affairs at San Diego State University. His research includes state and local government performance and public policy effectiveness. Dr. Kanaan served as Managing Editor for the journal *Public Administration Review* (PAR) from 2017 – 2021 and has presented his research at conferences including the *American Society for Public Administration* (ASPA), *Urban Affairs Association* (UAA) and *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management* (APPAM). He is a graduate of the University of Central Florida (UCF) Doctoral Program in Public Affairs (Ph.D.) and has published articles in several peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Kanaan is also a Certified Nonprofit Professional through the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. Dr. Kanaan lives in the Imperial Valley and is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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For Information on SDSU Imperial Valley Public Administration program, please visit the Academic Advising homepage: <https://tinyurl.com/2luzz9we>

For application questions, please contact SDSU Imperial Valley Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator Francisco Peraza: fperaza@sdsu.edu

For financial aid questions, please contact SDSU Imperial Valley Financial Aid Analyst Georgette Astorga: gastorga@sdsu.edu



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