Bachelor of Arts
Public Safety Administration

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Safety Administration (PSA) degree is designed to assist the First Responder (Fire, Law Enforcement, and others) to seek promotion by gaining their Bachelors degree. The client has the option to begin at the beginning with the general education curriculum or transfer in up to 62 credit hours from a community college through an Associate’s degree in Arts. Once the client has completed the general education curriculum they may begin the take the courses that make of the core of this degree. At that time the client may select one of two emphasis areas, Business Management or Law/Government. Once that emphasis area has been completed the client may select one concentration area from the three concentrations that we offer: Fire Science, Law Enforcement, or the First Responder. For the client’s convenience the degree is divided into four primary areas: General Education; the Core; the Emphasis; and the Concentration.

General Education Curriculum: (33 hours)
Written and Oral Communication: (9 semester hours)
EN 101 - English Composition
EN 300 - English Composition
COM 101 - Oral Communication
Quantifying Skills: (3 semester hours)
MA 113 - College Algebra
Natural Sciences (8 semester hours)
Two lab-based natural science courses
Humanities and Fine Arts: (12 semester hours)
One course in History
One course in Literature
One course in Fine Arts
A second course in History, Literature, or Fine Arts
Social Science: (3 semester hours)
(one of the following areas)
Economics
Geography
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Sociology
Women’s Studies
Critical Thinking: (3 semester hours)
Philosophy (non-religion)
Technology: (3 semester hours)
BU 160 - Spreadsheet Applications
Health-Related Course: (1-3 semester hours)
Health and Kinesiology
Food and Nutrition
### Public-Safety Administration Core (33 hours)
- BU 160  Spreadsheet Applications
- BU 211  Principles of Accounting I
- BU 294  Introduction to Information Systems
- BU 333  Organizational Communication
- BU 381  Principles of Management
- BU 382  Organizational Behavior
- BU 383  Business Leadership
- BU 404  Human Resource Management
- BU 445  Risk Management and Assessment
- POL 301  Public Administration
- POL 307  Public Budgeting

### Emphasis in Management/Business (21 hours)
This emphasis requires two courses in a foreign language (Spanish is recommended which count towards the B.A. degree).

- BU 201  Principles of Economics I
- BU 212  Principles of Accounting II
- BU 345  Advanced Statistical Analysis for Business
- BU 355  Business Finance
- BU 361  Principles of Marketing
- BU 385  Operations/Production Management
- BU 497  Strategic Management

### Emphasis in Law/Government (21 hours)
- PLG 101  Introduction to the Legal Profession
- PLG 200  Legal Bibliography and Research I
- PLG 202  Legal Bibliography and Research II
- PLG 241  Legal Environment of Business
- PLG 427/431/433  Administrative Law, Criminal Law, or Environmental Law
- POL 201  American Government
- POL 325/440  State and Local Governments of the United States or Urban Politics and Policy

### Public-Safety Concentration (Fire-Science Management) 15 hours
- 3 hours  Fire Prevention Organization and Management
- 3 hours  Community Risk Reduction
- 3 hours  Applications of Fire Research
- 6 hours  Internship

### Public-Safety Concentration (Law Enforcement) 15 hours
- 3 hours  TBA
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- 6 hours  Internship
Public-Safety Concentration (First Responder Management) 15 hours

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Total Hours Required for a B.A. in Public Safety Administration: 124 Semester Hours