

ABOUT THE BUSH SCHOOL

The Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University was founded in 1997 by former U.S. President George H.W. Bush. The school offers degree programs that prepare individuals for leadership positions in the public and nonprofit sectors through relevant and challenging courses, leadership development opportunities, and distinguished faculty who support a collaborative learning environment enriched by advanced technologies. Graduates pursue public service careers on a foundation of academic excellence.

CENTERS & INSTITUTES

The Bush School is home to multiple centers and institutes dedicated to furthering research in the areas of public policy, technological advancements, and strategic thinking. These collaborative groups, organizations, and foundations include the European Union Center; the Albritton Center for Grand Strategy; the Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy; the Institute for Science, Technology, and Public Policy; the Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, and Public Policy; and the Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs.

HIGH IMPACT EXPERIENCES

Students engage in a variety of high impact experiences, including travel abroad, immersive language studies, internships, research, and capstone projects for government and nonprofit clients. These experiences foster a rich learning environment, better preparing students to serve as leaders in a multi-faceted world.

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International Affairs

The Department of International Affairs prepares its students for careers in intelligence, defense, diplomacy, international institutions, and non-governmental organizations. The international affairs curriculum is taught by a multidisciplinary faculty with scholarly and professional international experience.

Our undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (BA) program in International Affairs offers concentrations in international politics, security and development, international development and economic policy, and international social processes. Economics, political science, foreign language, and area studies requirements are included in the program.

The Master of International Affairs (MIA) is a 48-credit non-thesis degree program that includes a core curriculum of five courses and a summer internship or intensive language and culture study. The core curriculum includes a capstone course consisting of a research task received from a real-world client.

The Master of International Policy (MIP) is a 30-credit non-thesis degree program offered in residence (with the option to take up to six credits online) at the College Station campus or the Washington, D.C. teaching site. MIP students must have a minimum of four years of professional experience.



Political Science

In the Department of Political Science, internationally recognized scholars work closely with students teaching critical thinking skills, data analysis, statistical reasoning, and the written and oral communication skills necessary to excel in the modern workplace. Equipped with cutting edge statistical tools and an understanding of how to use these tools to inform decision-making, political science graduates are well-prepared to work in a variety of professional fields, attend law school, or pursue an advanced degree. With this training, political science alumni move quickly into leadership positions at work and in their communities.

At the undergraduate level, we offer a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and a Bachelor of Science (BS) with courses in all facets of the discipline: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Methodology, Public Administration and Policy, and Race and Ethnic Politics.

The Department also has a top-ranked Ph.D. program, which is designed to train applied social-scientists for careers in research and higher education. This program emphasizes theoretical and methodological rigor, with all students taking a core sequence in formal theory and statistical methods.



Public Service & Administration

The Department of Public Service and Administration offers a nationally recognized master's degree program wherein students can specialize in Public Policy Analysis, Public Management, Nonprofit Management and (in the online executive program) Homeland Security. The Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) degree and online Executive MPSA degree are fully accredited by NASPAA (the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration). In 2020, the Bush School was named the number one ranked "best value" in residential MPSA programs by Value College.

MPSA and EMPSA students learn from some of the most distinguished scholars and practitioners in their fields, and graduate well-positioned for rewarding and impactful public service careers. The department boasts an impressive 95% graduation rate and 90% of our students are employed within six months of graduation. For details about where our graduates work, scan the QR code below.

