

PPA Prerequisites

There are four prerequisites, they are American Government, Microeconomics, Statistics, and Writing. If you took the prerequisites at the undergraduate level, you must have earned a “B” or better. If not, you may take the courses at any accredited university or community college. Below is a list of acceptable courses at CSULB and course descriptions.

American Government

POSC 100 - Introduction to American Government
PPA 590 - Special Topics Politics and Administration

Microeconomics

ECON 101 - Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 300 - Fundamentals of Economics
PPA 518 - Microeconomics for Public Administrators, or equivalent

Statistics

STAT 108 - Statistics for Everyday Life
PPA 517 - Analytical Skills Development

Writing

ENG 317 - Technical Communication
PPA 515 - Administrative Report Writing,

Course Descriptions

American Government

POSC 100 - Introduction to American Government

Introductory survey of American political institutions, politics, and policy including government and politics in California. Constitutional foundations and current controversies. Satisfies the general education requirement and the California teaching credential requirement.

PPA 590 - Special Topics Politics and Administration

This course examines the political environment of public administration and policy. It provides a comprehensive coverage of the institutional and behavioral elements of the American political system and how these elements affect the practice of public administration

Microeconomics

ECON 101 - Principles of Microeconomics

Business organization, price theory, allocation of resources, distribution of income, public economy.

ECON 300 - Fundamentals of Economics

Presents basic training in economics for social studies teachers or citizens who wish to exercise a reasoned judgment about economic issues in public affairs.

PPA 518 - Microeconomics for Public Administrators

This course covers the key principles of microeconomics such as supply, demand, and market processes. Further, it provides extensive coverage of topics that concern public sector decisions, such as public goods, externalities, welfare analysis, and cost-benefit analysis. The course will strive to analyze the societal effects of these decisions, examine the economic arguments of the different public choices, and offer real-world issues that will help motivate students to learn microeconomics. Additionally public sector decision makers need to understand the dynamics of private markets (including their limitations and failures) and the principles of efficient production. By relating traditional topics, such as market equilibrium and efficiency, to public sector issues, the course will demonstrate the applicability of economic concepts to a wide range of public decisions.

Statistics**STAT 108 - Statistics for Everyday Life**

Exploratory data analysis, methods of visualizing data, descriptive statistics, misuse and manipulation of data in statistical analysis, probability, binomial and normal distributions, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression, contingency tables.

PPA 517 - Analytical Skills Development

Designed to develop or improve the skills needed to perform analytical work in the public sector. Emphasis is on the methods of analysis and evaluation used in public service organizations. Communication of results.

Writing**ENGL 317 - Technical Communication**

Expository writing on technical subjects dealt with in industry, science, government, and the academy. Introduction to long and short forms including reports, proposals, manuals, and journal articles, emphasizing the longer formal paper or technical report.

PPA 515 - Administrative Report Writing

Preparation of written documents required of public administrators.