ACADEMIC MAP TO B.S. IN UNIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (UPSA)

2026-2027

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ENGL 1010 – Composition and Rhetoric I			3	
Mathematics (1)			3	
Sociology 1010 – Principles of Sociology			3	
Natural Science (1)			3	
UPSA 2400 – Introduction to Corporate and Municipal Emergency Management			3	
UNIV 1000 – The University Experience			1	

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Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ENGL 1020 – Composition and Rhetoric II			3	
Mathematics (1)			3	
Natural Science (1)			3	
UPSA 2550 – Hazards Risk Assessment Methods			3	
UPSA 2700 – Planning and Decision Making in Public Organizations			3	

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Total Credits _____

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
COMM 1010 – Oral Communication or COMM 2500 – Interpersonal Communication			3	
ENGL 2110 – Introduction to Literature			3	
UPSA 2100 – Homeland Security and Emergency Management			3	
Natural Science			3	
UPSA			3-9	

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts			3	
PSYC 1010 –General Psychology			3	
Elective			3	
UPSA			3-9	

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YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
CJ 4475 – Homeland Security			3	
ENGL 3230 – Technical Composition Or ORGL 3170 – Introduction to Organizational Leadership Principles and Concepts			3	
UPSA 3000 – Fundamental of Organization Leadership			3	
UPSA 3600 – Managing Behavior in Public Organizations			3	
SOC 3030+			3	
UPSA 4400 – Law and Public Policy			3	
Elective			3	

+This course is offered once every two years

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ECON 2000 – Principles of Macroeconomics or			3	
BUAD 1040 – Fundamentals of Business Enterprise			3	
UPSA 3700 – Disaster Response Operations and Management			3	
UPSA 4200 – Comparative Research and Analysis in Emergency Management or CJ 4200 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice			3	
Elective			3	
UPSA			3	

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 4

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 4450 – Social Work or SOC 4080 – Race and Culture Relations for Pure and Applied Sociology			3-6	
UPSA 4100 – Financial Management and Budgeting			3	
UPSA 4700 – Venue and Event Security			3	
UPSA			3-8	

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Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 4450 – Social Work or SOC 3030 – or SOC 4080 – Race & Culture Relations for Pure & Applied Sociology			3-6	
UPSA 4480 – Senior Seminar*			3	
UPSA			3-8	
Elective			3	

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 120

Must maintain a 2.0 GPA within Major and Concentration to graduate.

YOU'VE FINISHED!

- Required
- Recommended
- MILESTONE
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- Concentration Elective
- Academic Elective

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements =45 | University Core/Support = 75 | Total Credits = 120

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Semester Credits _____

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 3

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