

Definitions of Public Administration Part - II

More recently scholars claim that "public administration has no generally accepted definition," because the "scope of the subject is so great and so debatable that it is easier to explain than to define." Public Administration is a field of study and an occupation. There is much disagreement about whether the study of public administration can properly be called a discipline, largely because of the debate over whether public administration is a sub-field of political science or a sub-field of administrative science."

Donald Kettner is among those who view public administration as a sub-field within political science. The North American Industry Classification System definition of the Public Administration (NAICS 91) sector states that public administration "comprises establishments primarily engaged in activities of a governmental nature, that is, the enactment and judicial interpretation of laws and their pursuant regulations, and the

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administration of programs based on them." This includes "Legislative activities, taxation, national defense, public order and safety, immigration services, foreign affairs and international assistance, and the administration of government programs are activities that are purely governmental in nature."

From the academic perspective, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCE) in the United States defines the study of Public Administration as: "A program that prepares individuals to serve as managers in the executive organization and management. Includes instruction in the roles, development and principles of public administration, the management of public policy; executive-legislative relations; public budgetary processes and financial management, professional ethics and research methods."