



# Master of Public Administration Requirements

The MPA degree will prepare graduate students and career professionals for any job in public administration. Students will learn the processes, challenges, and goals of administering public services, with a special emphasis on the politics of public sector management. Students will develop skills in budgeting, revenue forecasting, auditing, planning, and decision-making, together with the ability to evaluate programs using qualitative and quantitative data.

*Note that all students must achieve 36 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate. Undergraduate admissions to the BA/MPA accelerated program require junior status (60 or more credits), at least 24 POLI course credits, 3.0 GPA or higher, and positive recommendation from the department chairperson and MPA coordinator.*

## **Required Master of Public Administration Core Courses – 21 credits**

POLI 465 Administrative Law (3 credits)  
POLI 509 Approaches and Methods in Political Science (3 credits)  
POLI 515 Principles and Problems of Public Administration (3 credits)  
POLI 516 Administrative and Organizational Theory (3 credits)  
POLI 517 Public Personnel and Strategic Human Resources Management (3 credits)  
POLI 518 Budgeting and Decision Making (3 credits)  
POLI 538 Program and Policy Evaluation (3 credits)

## **Master of Public Administration Research Courses – 3-6 credits**

*Students select one of the following courses with approval of the MPA coordinator. If selecting POLI 503, the thesis is undertaken upon successful completion of all course work. The 6 semester hours may be split into two 3 semester hour segments for registration over two semesters or sessions. One letter grade is assigned for the 6 semester hours of POLI 503.*

POLI 503 Thesis (6 credits)  
POLI 581 Professional Seminar (3 credits)

## **Master of Public Administration Elective Courses – 9-12 credits**

*Students may take one elective course outside of the Philosophy and Government department with approval (3 credits).*

POLI 425 Public Policy Making (3 credits)  
POLI 441 Ethics and Managerial Leadership (3 credits)  
POLI 555 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (3 credits)  
POLI 562 Urban Politics (3 credits)  
POLI 565 Public Administration Internship (6 credits)  
POLI 570 Selected Topics in Political Science (3 credits)  
POLI 571 Nonprofit Organizational Management (3 credits)  
POLI 580 Independent Study (3 credits)

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**Effective Semester:** Spring 2016



# Master of Public Administration Major Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

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POLI 518 Budgeting and Decision Making	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 538 Program and Policy Evaluation	3 credits	Grade:
<b>Total Credits</b>	21 total credits	

## Master of Public Administration Research Courses – 3 to 6 credits

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POLI 581 Professional Seminar	3 credits	Grade:
<b>Total Credits</b>	3-6 total credits	

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POLI 555 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 562 Urban Politics	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 565 Public Administration Internship	6 credits	Grade:
POLI 570 Selected Topics in Political Science	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 571 Nonprofit Organizational Management	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 580 Independent Study	3 credits	Grade:
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