

MPA Program Checklist

Public Management Concentration

The School of Public Administration's MPA degree consists of **42 graduate credit hours**. The Public Management Concentration prepares students with the strategic and technical skills needed to address the challenges and opportunities found in and surrounding public organizations.

Core MPA Requirements (21 cr hrs):			
Semester/Yr	Grade	Course #	Course Name
		PADM 500	Introduction to Public Management
		PADM 521	Organizational Theory and Behavior
		PADM 525	Human Resources Management
		PADM 526	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public and Nonprofit Sectors
		PADM 544	Financial Management for Public Organizations
		PADM 596	Data Analysis for Decision Making
		PADM 597	Program Evaluation
Practicum (3 cr hrs):			
		PADM 555	MPA Practicum

Master's Thesis (Plan I):			
Core MPA Requirements (21 cr hrs)			
MPA Practicum (3 cr hrs)			
Electives (12 cr hrs)			
Sem/Yr	Grade	Course #	Course Name
			PM Concentration Course*
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			PM Concentration Course*
			MPA Related Elective
MASTER'S THESIS Requirements (6 cr hrs)			
		PADM 599	Master's Thesis
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OR

Professional Paper (Plan II):			
Core MPA Requirements (21 cr hrs)			
MPA Practicum (3 cr hrs)			
Electives (15 cr hrs)			
Sem/Yr	Grade	Course #	Course Name
			PM Concentration Course*
			PM Concentration Course*
			PM Concentration Course*
			MPA Related Elective
			MPA Related Elective
PROFESSIONAL PAPER Requirement (3 cr hrs)			
		PADM 553	Professional Paper

OR

Capstone (Plan III):			<i>most preferred</i>
Core MPA Requirements (21 cr hrs)			
MPA Practicum (3 cr hrs)			
Electives (15 cr hrs)			
Sem/Yr	Grade	Course #	Course Name
			PM Concentration Course*
			PM Concentration Course*
			PM Concentration Course*
			MPA Related Elective
			MPA Related Elective
CAPSTONE COURSE Requirement (3 cr hrs)			
		PADM 689	Capstone

Complete Core & MPA Practicum Requirements

Choose and follow Plan I, II, or III Requirements

Select and complete Public Management (PM) Concentration Requirements

Total Graduate Credit Hours: 42

***PM Concentration Courses:**
Complete at least 3 of the following

PADM 523 Administration of State and Local Government

PADM 524 Intergovernmental Administrative Problems

PADM 529 Administrative Law

PADM 530 Ethics in Public Administration

PADM 535 Comparative Public Administration

PADM 537 Cross-Boundary Leadership and Governance

PADM 546 Budgeting Systems

Other courses require approval of the MPA Program Coordinator