

MPA Program Checklist

Policy Analysis Concentration

The School of Public Administration's MPA degree consists of **42 graduate credit hours**. The Policy Analysis Concentration prepares students with a firm understanding of policy along with the technical and analytical foundations to create effective, data-driven policy solutions.

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
			Pol A Concentration Course*
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			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
			Pol A Concentration Course*
			Pol A Concentration Course*
			Pol A 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
			Pol A Concentration Course*
			Pol A Concentration Course*
			Pol A 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 Policy Analysis (Pol A) Concentration Requirements

Total Graduate Credit Hours: 42

*Pol A Concentration Courses:

Complete at least 3 of the following

PUBP 501 Policy Seminar (1-3 cr hrs)

PUBP 502 Policy and Evaluation Lab

POLS 570 Pro-Seminar in Public Policy

GEOG 581L Introduction to GIS for Graduate Students

PADM 577 Practice of Policy Development

NATV 560 Research Method and Practice in Indigenous Scholarship

Other courses require approval of the MPA Program Coordinator