

# M.P.A. Degree Requirements

## **AREA I – Substantive Core (30 Credits)**

- PA 511 Public Administration (3)
- PA 513 Administrative Ethics & Values (3) (Prerequisite: PA511)
- PA 533 Public Policy: Origins and Processes (3)
- PA 534 Administrative Law and Policy Implementation (3)
- PA 540 Administrative Theory & Behavior (3) (Prerequisite: PA 511)
- PA 551 Analytic Methods in Public Administration I (3)
- PA 552 Analytic Methods in Public Administration II (3) (Prerequisite: PA 551)
- PA 582 Public Budgeting (3)
- PA 585 Financial Management in the Public Sector (3) (or Economics course approved by advisor)
- PA 590 Human Resource Management in the Public Sector (3) (Prerequisite: PA 511)

## **AREA II – Skill Development (9 credits)**

- PA 525 Grantwriting (3)
- PA 532 Organization & Methods (3) (Prerequisite: PA 540)
- PA 536 Strategic Planning (3)
- PA 545 Organization Development (3) (Prerequisite: PA 540)
- PA 547 Interpersonal Communications in the Public Sector (3)
- PA 548 Advocacy Roles in Public Management (3)
- PA 549 Crosscultural Communications in the Public Sector (3)
- PA 550 Managing Information Resources (3)
- PA 554 Policy Analysis Research (3)
- PA 555 Program Evaluation and Management (3)
- PA 556 Public Contract Management(3)
- PA 557 Operations Research in Public Administration (3)

Substitutions of other skill development courses offered by the Division of Public Administration are allowed with approval of your advisor.

## **AREA III – Integrative Experience (6 credits)**

Integrative Experience is offered with two options and is available to students *only after they have completed 42 credits* in their master's programs. Option 1 is intended for "in-service" students, those who have had limited or no administrative experience. Option 2 is for those students who have had at least three (3) years of full-time administrative or management experience in public, non-profit, and/or health care organizations.

Option 1: PA 509, Organizational Experience (6)

**Or**

Option 2: PA 512, Reflective Practice and Case Analysis (3) **plus**  
one elective 3 credit course approved by your advisor.

## **AREA IV – Field of Specialization (15 credits)**

The student's advisor must approve specialty areas and courses. The Division of Public Administration offers specialty areas and courses in public sector human resource management and labor relations, nonprofit management, natural resources policy and administration, health policy and administration, and tribal administration. Specialty areas may also be selected from other departments or divisions within the University and may be put together as multi-disciplinary endeavors.

**TOTAL CREDITS: 60**

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