Portland State UNIVERSITY

MPA Degree Requirements

Foundations of Public Service and Administration (15 Credits)
PA 511   Public Administration and Democratic Governance
PA 513   Public Service Ethics
PA 533   Public Policy Development and Implementation
PA 534   Administrative Law
PA 582   Public Budgeting Process

Organization Management and Leadership (12 Credits)
PA 528   Public and Nonprofit Leadership
PA 540   Organization Management and Behavior
PA 549   Communication and Managing Across Difference
PA 585   Financial Management for Public Organizations

Analytic Methods (8 Credits)
PA 551   Qualitative Methods for Public and Nonprofit Managers
PA 552   Quantitative Methods for Public and Nonprofit Managers

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Graduate Certificate Options (15 credits)

Students may use their 15 elective credits to complete an optional Graduate Certificate, allowing them to earn a second credential by submitting a GO-19 form. The required courses for each Graduate Certificate are listed below. *Any remaining elective credits can be selected from the approved Elective list.* Students not wishing to earn an additional credential may take any courses from the approved Elective list.

- **Nonprofit Leadership:** PA 520, PA 521, and PA 525
- **Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis:** PA 554 and PA 555
- **Local Government Administration:** PA 542, PA 560, and PA 561

Electives (15 credits)(other courses may be approved by the faculty advisor)
PA 520   Nonprofit Governance and Management
PA 521   Nonprofit Foundations
PA 525   Fundamentals of Grantwriting and Fundraising
PA 536   Strategic Planning
PA 538   Advocacy and Political Participation by Nonprofit Organizations
PA 539   National Policy Process
PA 542   Sustainable Development Implementation
PA 554   Policy Analysis Research
PA 555   Program Evaluation and Management
PA 556   Public Contract Management
PA 558   Managing Public Projects and Programs
PA 560   Local Government Administration
PA 561   Intergovernmental Relations
PA 579   Policy Tools in Policy Design

Integrative Experience: The Public Service Capstone (4 Credits)
The integrative experience, PA 509 Public Service Capstone, is available to students only after they have completed at least 36 credits in their master's program.

TOTAL CREDITS: 54