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REQUIREMENTS for a MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

POLITICAL SCIENCE/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CORE

(9 courses • 27 hours)

- PLSC 5113 Seminar in Human Resource Management
- PLSC 5163 Public Policy
- PLSC 5193 Seminar in Public Administration
- PADM 5803 Quantitative Methods Analysis
- PADM 5813 Methods in Public Management Information
- PADM 5913 Policy Analysis: Theory and Practice

Select one course from the following:

- PLSC 5103 Human Behavior in Complex Organizations
- PLSC 5123 Public Budgeting and Finance

Select two courses from the following:

- PLSC 4283 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- PLSC 5103 Human Behavior in Complex Organizations (cannot use twice)
- PLSC 5123 Public Budgeting and Finance (cannot use twice)
- PLSC 5133 Nonprofit Management
- PLSC 5143 Administrative Law
- PLSC 5153 Environmental Politics and Policy
- PLSC 5173 Community Development
- PLSC 5243 Seminar in State Politics and Policy
- PLSC 5983 Mixed Methods Research Design
- PADM 5823 Grant Writing for the Social Sciences
- PADM 584V Special Topics in Public Administration
- PADM 5903 Risk and Public Policy

SPECIAL INTEREST AREA (9-15 hours)

With the total number of hours depending on the number of internship hours taken, this area may be chosen in LSC/PADM and other disciplines with approval of the MPA Program Director. The MPA Program Director, in consultation with the student, will develop a set of relevant graduate courses that will help the student in meeting career objectives.

Concentrations may be developed for students interested in fields such as community development, environmental policy and sustainability, health services administration, higher education administration, non-profit management, public policy analysis, and recreation and tourism. Other concentrations may be exercised with the consent, advice, and approval of the MPA Program Director.

Students who elect to take only nine or twelve hours of coursework may satisfy the remainder of the required degree hours with optional thesis or professional development/internship credit. Please review the Special Interest Concentrations with the MPA Program Director.

PORTFOLIO

All students must complete and submit a portfolio of their work. This portfolio will be submitted in three installments over the course of the program and must normally be completed and submitted for final review to the entire MPA faculty early in the last semester of the student's program.