

School of Public Policy

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Master of Public Policy (MPA) Requirements (___ 1-Year & ___ 4+1 choose 1)

Name _____ Student ID # _____ Email _____

Faculty Advisor _____ Term & Year Entered _____

Students must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in each semester of study. A minimum grade of B- is required for all core and program elective courses. Up to 12 credits can be transferred/double counted (toward undergraduate and graduate degrees) for 4+1 students.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES	Credits/Grade	Term & Year
___ SPP 601 Politics & the Policy Process (fall) OR ___ SPP 611 Comparative Public Policy (spring)		
SPP 603 Policy Analysis**		
SPP 605 Economics and Public Policy		
SPP 607 Policy Methods		
SPP 608 Introduction to Statistical Analysis		
SPP 697AA Statistics Lab		
SPP 613 Public Policy Seminar		
SPP 614 Professional Seminar		

Students are not required to take SPP598 and may fulfill the internship *requirement* without earning academic credit. Internships are recommended, but a class with an experiential component can also fulfill the requirement.

INTERNSHIP / EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (150 hours)	Credits*	Term & Year
Internship/Experience with (org. or class): Course # (if taken for credit):		

Total Core Credits: _____

To waive the internship/experiential learning or a core course you must have an approved Waiver [Form](#). Please note that program requirements can be waived but credit requirements cannot. Therefore, if a student waives an internship or required class, they will receive no credits for it and must make up those credits. Mark Waived classes “W” on this form and attach your approved form.

*Students may choose to take a class & complete coursework to get academic credit for an internship (1-3 credits).

**Economics must be taken before Policy Analysis

SPP PROGRAM ELECTIVES (students must take 3 *credits* in each of 3 CATEGORIES)

Check the SPP web site for additional courses & their distribution. Non-SPP Policy, Management, Methods electives are allowed with the written approval of your SPP staff or faculty advisor. Not all courses offered every year. Do not list a course twice on this document.

DISTRIBUTION AREA ELECTIVES	Credits/Grade	Term/Year
POLICY:		
MANAGEMENT:		
METHODS:		

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES (500+ level; may be taken outside SPP. No approval needed if related to course of study.)	Credits/Grade	Term/Year

Total CORE Credits: _____ Total ELECTIVE credits: _____

Total MPA Credits: CORE+ELECTIVE (Minimum 37): _____

For graduation paperwork:

credits on unofficial transcript "Graduate Career Totals – Combined Totals": _____

I have checked all the information above on the graduate section of my unofficial transcript: ___ Yes ___ No

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADVISING NOTES: