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School of Public Policy

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Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) Requirements

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 of all core and program elective courses.

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

CORE COURSES (SECOND YEAR)	Credits/Grade	Term & Year
SPP 602 Public Management		
SPP 610 Capstone		

Internship/Experiential Learning	Credits*/Grade	Term & Year
Organization:		

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.

**MPPA students are not required to take the summer SPP Internship Course but may choose to do so.*

***Economics must be taken before Policy Analysis*

SPP PROGRAM ELECTIVES (MUST TAKE A MINIMUM OF 3 TOTAL, FROM 3 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES)

All SPP elective offerings fit within one of the categories below. However, elective offerings change frequently, so check the SPP web site for current courses. Non-SPP Policy, Management, and Methods electives are allowed with the written approval of your SPP staff or faculty advisor.

POLICY	Credits/Grade	Term/Year
SPP 597G The Future of Government		
SPP 597GP: Internet Governance & Info Policy		
SPP 611 Comparative Public Policy		
SPP 622 Ethics and Public Policy		
SPP 650 U.S. Education Policy		
SPP 651 Social Inequalities, Technology & Public Policy		
SPP 697EV Environmental Policy		
SPP 697M Fixing Social Media		
SPP 697P Public Law and Legislative Drafting		
SPP 697PC Using the Past to Create Effective Policy (POL)		
SPP 697RP Public Policy, Racism, and Patriarchy		
MANAGEMENT	Credits/Grade	Term/Year
SPP 597G The Future of Government		
SPP 597T: Info Technology for Public & Nonprofits		
SPP 602 Public Management		
SPP 697L: Local Government Administration		
SPP 697NE Negotiations		
SPP 697NL Nonprofit Law and Management		
SPP 697S Strategic Fundraising & Philanthropy		
SPP 697SE Social and Environmental Enterprises		
METHODS	Credits/Grade	Term/Year
SPP 604 Policy and Program Evaluation		
SPP 636 Qualitative Research Methods		
SPP 697B Introduction to Geographic Info Systems (GIS)		
SPP 697F Public Budgeting & Finance		
Other Electives (500+ level; courses may be taken in SPP or from departments across UMASS. No program approval needed if related to course of study.)		

TOTAL CORE CREDITS: _____ TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS: _____

TOTAL MPPA CREDITS: CORE + ELECTIVES (MINIMUM 48): _____

I have checked all this information in SPIRE and did **not** complete this form from memory: Yes No

Student Signature _____ Date: _____