MPA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Department of Political Science, Graduate Programs

Required Courses - 12 Hours
- P SC 5143 - Program Evaluation & Applied Policy Analysis
- P SC 5183 - Public Budgeting and Finance
- P SC 5913 - Introduction to Analysis of Political & Administrative Data
- P SC 5950 - Research Problems - Public Administration

Area Requirements - 12 Hours
One course in each of the following areas:

Organizations
- P SC 5103 - Organizations: Design, Structure & Process
- P SC 5193 - Comparative Administration
- P SC 5293 - Administration, Ethics and American Government
- P SC 6143 - Seminar in Public Organization Behavior
- P SC 6173 - Seminar - Public Administration

Management
- P SC 5033 - Foundations of Nonprofit Management
- P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations
- P SC 5073 - Municipal Management & Leadership
- P SC 5133 - Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement
- P SC 5153 - Problems in Public Management
- P SC 5243 - Managing Public Programs
- P SC 5253 - Human Resource Administration
- P SC 5313 - Urban Politics
- P SC 5363 - Public Financial Management

Public Policy
- P SC 5043 - Public Policy Implementation
- P SC 5053 - Agenda Setting - Public Policy
- P SC 5063 - Nonprofits and Public Sector Relations
- P SC 5213 - Risk, Public Policy & Law
- P SC 5223 - Public Policy Analysis
- P SC 5233 - Health Policy
- P SC 5323 - Problems in Public Policy
- P SC 5333 - Environmental Policy and Administration
- P SC 5343 - Public Policy & Inequality
- P SC 5373 - Education Policy
- P SC 5393 - Regulatory Policy
- P SC 6133 - Foundations in Public Policy

American Political Process
- P SC 5113 - Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- P SC 5163 - Legislative Process and Behavior
- P SC 5173 - Bureaucracy and Politics
- P SC 5213 - Risk, Public Policy & Law
- P SC 5263 - Congress in the Political System
- P SC 5453 - The Presidency

Electives - 12 hours
Other OU Political Sciences courses to meet degree requirements. Up to 9 hours of transfer work from other OU colleges and/or other OU departments will be accepted if the content of the course(s) has some reasonable relationship to the fields of public administration or public policy.

Concentrations
To complete a concentration, a student must have nine hours within the concentration area, with at least 3 of those hours being from political science.

Standard
The standard concentration has no specific requirements concerning electives and is the most popular concentration with our students.

Public Policy
This concentration is designed for students who are interested in policy analysis positions or political leadership roles. Students may select from the list below for courses that apply to the public policy concentration.
- P SC 5043 - Public Policy Implementation
- P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations
- P SC 5143 - Program Evaluation & Applied Policy Analysis
- P SC 5213 - Risk, Public Policy & Law
• P SC 5223 - Public Policy Analysis
• P SC 5233 - Health Policy
• P SC 5323 - Problems in Public Policy
• P SC 5333 - Environmental Policy & Administration
• P SC 5343 - Public Policy and Inequality
• P SC 5373 - Education Policy
• P SC 5393 - Regulatory Policy
• P SC 6133 - Foundations in Public Policy

Nonprofit Management
The nonprofit management concentration examines issues related to the nonprofit sector and equips graduate students for leadership roles in nonprofits and policy advocate groups. Students may select from the list below for courses that apply to the nonprofit management concentration.
  • P SC 5033 - Foundations of Nonprofit Management
  • P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations
  • P SC 5133 - Strategic Planning & Performance Measurement
  • P SC 5253 - Human Resource Administration
  • P SC 5363 - Public Financial Management
  • P SC 6143 - Seminar in Public Organizations Behavior
  • P SC 6173 - Seminar-Public Administration

Individualized Intensive Study
The student will submit a proposal that describes the specific topic of study and the nine credit hours of concentration coursework applicable for the student to conduct an in-depth exploration of his or her topic. Students should meet as soon as possible with a MPA faculty member to discuss their research interest and formulate a plan of study for course that meet the concentration requirement. The MPA faculty advisor and the Director of Graduate Programs in Public Administration must approve the proposal in advance of enrolling in coursework applied to this concentration.