

# DRAFT SEPTEMBER 2015- MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Policy Analysis

## 48 credit hours

The MPA is a course of study that requires the completion of (1) the MPA core, (2) the concentration requirement, (3) the experiential requirement, and (4) sufficient electives and/or mid-career option credit to total **48 credit hours**. **All students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be in good standing and graduate.**

**EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT:** In order to be awarded the M.P.A. degree, students must obtain professionally relevant experience through an internship in **SPEA-V 585**. This requirement is automatically satisfied if a student is granted **Mid-Career Option** credit.

### MPA CORE: (21 Credit Hours) (Effective Fall 2005)

Dept	Course	Title	Credit
<b>Required of all students:</b>			
SPEA-V	<b>506</b>	Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>517</b>	Public Management Economics	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>540</b>	Law and Public Affairs	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>598</b>	Governing and Leading in a Global Society	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>600</b>	Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs **	3.0
<b>Choose ONE management course</b>			
SPEA-V	<b>502</b>	Public Management <b>OR</b>	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>525</b>	Management in the Nonprofit Sector	3.0
<b>Choose One financial management course</b>			
SPEA-V	<b>560</b>	Public Finance and Budgeting <b>OR</b>	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>526</b>	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	3.0

**\*\*NOTE: V600 cannot be taken until all MPA core courses are completed. V600 is only offered as an in-person class and cannot be substituted or transferred in from another university. Plan your schedule accordingly!**

SPEA-V	<b>585</b>	Internship or Mid Career Option Credit	3.0
	Elective #1		3.0
	Elective #2		3.0

### POLICY ANALYSIS CONCENTRATION (18 CREDIT HOURS)

Dept	Course	Title	Credit
<b>Required Policy Process Course: (6 credit hours)</b>			
SPEA-V	<b>512</b>	Public Policy Process	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>663</b>	Policy Analysis	3.0
<b>Required Policy Skills Courses: (9 credit hours)</b>			
<b>THREE</b> of the following:			
SPEA-V	<b>507</b>	Data Analysis and Modeling for Public Affairs	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>541</b>	Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public and Environmental Policies	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>562</b>	Public Program Evaluation <b>OR</b>	3.0
SPEA-J	<b>502</b>	Research Methods in Criminal Justice & Public Affairs	3.0
<b>Required Policy Electives: (3 credit hours)</b>			
Select one course with the permission of a faculty advisor. Courses include, but are not limited to, the following:			
SPEA-V	<b>520</b>	Environmental Policy Analysis	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>523</b>	Civil Society and Public Policy	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>550</b>	Topics in Public Affairs (public policy topics approved by advisor)	3.0
SPEA-V	<b>654</b>	Public Program Management and Contracting	3.0
SPEA-J	<b>666</b>	Criminal Justice Policy and Evaluation	3.0

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PLUS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COURSES TO MEET THE MINIMUM DEGREE REQUIREMENT OF 48 CREDIT HOURS WITH A 3.0 CUMULATIVE GRADE AVERAGE.

**\*\*Please note that the course rotation is subject to change. This listing is for planning purposes only. Please check with SPEA Graduate Student Services to ensure you are meeting degree requirements.**

**Fall Core Classes**

V 506  
V 517  
V 540  
V 598  
V 600  
V 560

**Fall Concentration Classes**

V 521  
V 522  
V 557 (every other fall – opposite V 602)  
V 602 (every other fall - opposite V 557)  
V 544  
V 539  
V 541  
V 547  
V 561

**Spring Core Classes**

V 506  
V 517  
V540  
V 600  
V 502  
V 560  
V 525  
V 526

**Spring Concentration Classes**

V 558  
V 559  
V 504 (every other spring)  
V 516 (every other spring)  
V 547  
V 562

**Summer Core Classes**

V 540  
V 598