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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Political Science and Public Administration

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)
PLAN OF STUDY

MPA Required Core	Semester Hours	Grade	Term Taken	When to Enroll and Offered
6 courses: 18 hours				
PUAD 6010 Introduction to Public Administration	3			Year 1 Fall 2023
PUAD 6530 Economics for Policymakers	3			Year 1 Spring 2024 – *Online*
PUAD 6540 Public Finance for Policymakers	3			Year 2 Fall 2023 – *Hybrid*
PUAD 6050 Human Resource Administration	3			Year 1/Year 2 Spring 2024
PUAD 6060 Research Design	3			Year 1 Fall 2023
PUAD 6080 Statistics and Data Analysis	3			Year 1/Year 2 Requires 6060
MPA Required Electives				
Choose Any 5 courses: 15 hours Upcoming Elective Offerings				When to Enroll and Offered
PUAD 6030 Organization Theory and Behavior	3			Taken after 6010 or 6070 Last offered in Fall 2021
PUAD 6070 Public Policymaking	3			Taken after 6010 Fall 2023
PUAD 6140 Issues in Public Administration	3			After at least one semester Summer 2023 – *Online*

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PUAD 6160 Intergovernmental Relations	3			Taken after 6010 Offered in Spring 2024
PUAD 6260 Program Evaluation	3			Taken after 6060 and 6080 Last offered in Fall 2022
PUAD 6720 Grants and Contracts	3			Taken after 6010 Last offered in Spring 2022 – *Hybrid*
PUAD 6924 Internship in Public Administration	3			To be arranged by the student with a relevant public, non-profit, or private sector entity. requires prior approval to receive credit.
PUAD 6972 Special Topics	3			Topic varies by semester and instructor Bureaucracy – Spring 2023 River Region Ethics Award Practicum – Maymester 2023
Graduate Course Offered by Another Department at AUM	3			Requires prior approval to receive credit, limit of two non-PUAD courses
MPA Required Capstone: 3 hours	Semester Hours	Grade	Term taken	When to Enroll and Offered
PUAD 6090 Capstone Seminar	3			Taken in the student's final semester PUAD 6080 is a prerequisite Offered in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Important information
- The minimum cumulative GPA needed to earn the MPA degree is 3.0.
- 12 courses/36 credit hours are required for the MPA degree.
- Students may take as few as one course per semester or as many as four courses a semester.
- PUAD 6972 is a "special topics" course and the topic varies across semesters. Students may take more than one course numbered PUAD 6972 for credit so long as the topic is different.
- The Certificate in Data Analysis and Policy Evaluation requires four courses. PUAD 6060, PUAD 6080, and PUAD 6540 are required. Electives include PUAD 6260 among others. A minimum grade of a B must be earned in each course to receive the certificate.
- Elective offerings are subject to change.
- The courses listed above reflect only those offered between Fall 2021 and Spring 2024. An updated plan is posted twice per year.