



**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 2024
PUAD 6530 Economics for Policymakers	3			Year 1 Spring 2025 – <i>Online</i>
PUAD 6540 Public Finance for Policymakers	3			Year 2 Fall 2023 – <i>Hybrid</i>
PUAD 6050 Human Resource Administration	3			Year 2 Spring 2024
PUAD 6060 Research Design	3			Year 1 Fall 2024
PUAD 6080 Statistics and Data Analysis	3			Year 1/Year 2 Spring 2024
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 Fall 2021
PUAD 6070 Public Policymaking	3			Fall 2023
PUAD 6140 Issues in Public Administration	3			Summer 2023 – <i>Online</i>

PUAD 6160 Intergovernmental Relations	3			Spring 2024
PUAD 6260 Program Evaluation	3			Fall 2024
PUAD 6710 Administration of Nonprofit Organizations	3			Fall 2024 – <i>Online</i>
PUAD 6720 Grants and Contracts	3			Spring 2025 – <i>Hybrid</i>
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 Public Sector Leadership – Spring 2025
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 Fall 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 toward the degree 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. Approved 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 2022 and Spring 2025. An updated plan is posted in October each year.