

GENERAL INFORMATION

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MPA CURRICULUM

The MPA degree requires 42 credit hours of study and can be achieved under the Thesis option or the Non-Thesis option. **Core Curriculum:** 18 credit hours that cover the general concepts and common body of knowledge in the field of Public Administration. **Important:** Core courses must be completed before concentration courses. Student course registration will be reviewed, and students may be disenrolled if courses are not taken according to these SPA guidelines. Before enrolling in concentration or elective courses, each student is required to complete the following core curriculum of 18 credit hours:

PADM 500: Public Management and Policy
PADM 521: Institutional Development and Behavior
PADM 522: Program Evaluation*
PADM 525: Human Resources Management in the Public Sector
PADM 544: Public Budgeting and Finance
PADM 596: Analytical Methods for Public Managers*

*Prerequisite: MATH 145/STAT 145 or the equivalent. Students must meet the statistics prerequisite before being permitted to enroll in either PADM 522 or 596.

TYPICAL COURSES OF STUDIES

PART TIME 3 YEAR PLAN – Professional Paper or Thesis 6 hours/semester

Year 1	Fall:	500, 521
	Spring:	525, 522
	Summer:	1 concentration course
Year 2	Fall:	544, 596
	Spring:	1 concentration course, 1 elective course
	Summer:	1 concentration course
Year 3	<u>Professional Paper Option</u>	
	Fall:	552, 1 concentration course
	Spring:	553-Professional Paper (3 hours), 1 concentration course
	OR <u>Thesis Option</u>	
	Fall:	599-Thesis (3 hours), 1 concentration course
	Spring:	599-Thesis (3 hours), 1 concentration course

FULL TIME 2 YEAR PLAN – Professional Paper or Thesis 12 hours/semester

Year 1	Fall:	500, 521, 525, 544
	Spring:	522, 596, 2 concentration courses
Year 2	<u>Professional Paper Option</u>	
	Fall:	552, 2 concentration courses, 1 elective
	Spring:	553-Professional Paper (3 hours), 1 concentration course
	OR <u>Thesis Option</u>	
	Fall:	599-Thesis (3 hours), 2 concentration courses, 1 elective
	Spring:	599-Thesis (3 hours), 1 concentration course

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT: 15 hours required

To enhance the professional expertise of administrators, especially students who wish to prepare for a management career in public and nonprofit agencies.

Required Courses: (choose 1 course)

PADM 523 Administration of State and Local Government
PADM 524 Intergovernmental Administrative Problems
PADM 535 Comparative Public Administration

Elective Courses: (choose 4 courses)

PADM 536 Social Policy and Planning
PADM 540 Administration of State Government
PADM 555 Internship (Director's approval required)
PADM 570 Pro-Seminar in Public Policy
PADM 585 Tribal Administration
PADM 590 Division Seminar(s)

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION: 15 hours required

The Health Policy and Administration concentration focuses on preparing students for administrative positions in hospitals, health systems, health maintenance organizations, and health-related government organizations.

Required Courses: (choose 3 courses)

PADM 561 Strategic Management of Healthcare Systems
PADM 562 Health Governance in a Global Perspective
PADM 563 Healthcare Finance
PADM 564 Healthcare Policy and Program Evaluation
POLS 511* Health Policy and Politics

Elective Courses: (choose 2 courses)

PADM 551 Problems
PADM 555 Internship (requires approval by SPA Director)
PADM 570 Pro-Seminar in Public Policy
PADM 590 Topical Seminar in Public Management
ECON 410 Health Economics (requires approval by SPA Director)
LAW 531* Health Law
MPH 554** Public Health Policy, Politics and Advocacy
MPH 562** Women's Health Issues
MPH 565** Public Health: Law Policy and Ethics
MPH 578** Environmental Health
MPH 579** New Mexico Border Health

* Not available via ITV

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