

**CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014**COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES/ Dept. of Public Affairs and Social Research

Program: Delete: Add: Change: X Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

~~The Master of Public Administration Degree (MPA) is open to all students who hold any baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and meet the requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences for graduate admission. The MPA consists of 42 hours of graduate credit. Students will take 33 of these hours in 12 "core classes" in the Department of Public Affairs and Social Research and 9 SCH of "elective courses," which may include courses offered by other colleges in the university. Students pursuing the Master of Public Administration as an additional master's degree may obtain the degree upon successful completion of the major curriculum and substituting hours attained in the first masters program for nine hours of electives. Students are required to begin the program with the foundational courses (PADM 5375 & PSCI 5301) which should be followed by the theory courses (PADM 5342 and PADM 5362). These courses will provide the foundational knowledge, logic, and tools for gaining sound understanding of and appreciation for public administration. Core courses taken in the proper sequence will help students prepare for the comprehensive exam and derive most benefit from the program. Core courses have to be successfully completed before the comprehensive exam. Core courses cannot be substituted.~~

Purpose: to make the degree plan clearer and to clearly indicate that the MPA has NO minor. This has been approved by the TAMIU Graduate Council.

Replace with the following preamble to the degree plan:

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

The Master of Public Administration Degree (MPA) is open to all students who hold any baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and meet the requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences for graduate admission. In addition, students must undergo an interview with a committee of at least two faculty members to complete the admissions process.

The MPA program consists of 42 SCH and students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all 42 SCH in the major to be able to graduate. Students will take 33 of these hours in 11 required core classes in the Department of Public Affairs and Social Research and 9 SCH of supporting elective courses, which may include courses offered by other colleges with advisor approval. There is no MPA minor; thus students should choose electives that build upon the core. If a student gets a C in one of the 11 required core courses, the student must repeat the course and achieve a B or higher. A second C earned in any course will result in dismissal from the program. Students pursuing the MPA degree as an additional master's degree may obtain the degree upon successful completion of the required core classes and by substituting hours attained in the first master's program for the 9 SCH of elective courses.

Students are required to begin the program with two foundational courses, including Survey of

Public Affairs and Administration and Advanced Methods of Social Research. Subsequent courses will be taken based solely on advisement and in a manner that will help students to derive most benefit from the program. Students will have to complete all required courses before they can take the MPA comprehensive examination. Required courses cannot be substituted.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Chair Department	_____	_____
Chair College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Dean	_____	_____

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