



**CATALOG YEAR 2014-2015**

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS/PASR/MPA

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**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. In addition, students must undergo an interview with a committee of at least two faculty members to complete the admission process.

The MPA consists of 42 SCH and students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all 42 SCH in the major for graduation. 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 hours, which may include courses offered by other colleges with advisor approval. There is no minor; thus students should choose electives that build upon the core. ~~If a student earns a "C" in one of the 11 required 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 hours.

Students are required to begin the program with the 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 may not be substituted.

Rationale: The Graduate College policy allows students to earn one C, as long as they can maintain an overall B average. Given the program's recent removal of the GRE requirement, the MPA program faculty believe the requirements should correspond with the Graduate College policy and not place an unneeded financial burden on students by repeating a course they technically did not fail. The Graduate Council approved this change on Nov 15, 2013.

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