

# Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)



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Master of Public Policy and Administration (36 credit hours)	Total Hours Complete	Total Hours Needed
<p><b>Public Policy and Administration Core Requirements (18 credit hours):</b>                      MPPA 5302 – Decision Making for Public Policy                      MPPA 5315 – Current Issues in Public Policy and Administration                      MLPOS 5371 – Introduction to Public Administration                      MLPOS 5372 – Public Personnel Administration                      MLPOS 5373 – Public Administration Ethics                      MLPOS 5376 – Public Budgeting and Finance</p>		
<p><b>Choose one of three tracks for the MPPA degree (15 credit hours):                      Generalist, Public Management, or Public Policy</b></p> <p><b><u>Generalist Track:</u></b></p> <p>Students who choose the Generalist track will take a total of 15 credit hours from the following MPPA courses and/or relevant graduate-level courses in cognate fields:</p> <p>MPPA Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MPPA 5301 – Economic Analysis for Public Policy</li> <li>MPPA 5303 – Comparative Public Policy and Administration</li> <li>MPPA 5304 – Public Leadership: Principles, Practices, &amp; Realities</li> <li>MPPA 5305 – U.S. Energy Policy</li> <li>MPPA 5306 – U.S. Health Policy</li> <li>MPPA 5308 – Government Regulation</li> <li>MPPA 5309 – U.S. Science and Technology Policy</li> <li>MPPA 5310 – Policy Development and Implementation</li> <li>MPPA 5311 – Program Evaluation in Public Management</li> <li>MPPA 5312 – Strategic Planning</li> <li>MPPA 5313 – Urban and Regional Planning</li> <li>MPPA 5314 – State and Local Government Administration</li> <li>MPPA 5316 – Federalism and Public Policy</li> <li>MPPA 5317 – Social Justice and Public Policy</li> </ul> <p>Cognate Field-Related Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLENV 5348 – Urban Planning</li> <li>MLENV 6353 – Environmental Policy and Law</li> <li>MLHIS 6346 – U.S. War and Society</li> <li>MLINS 6361 – Global Energy</li> <li>MLINS 6366 – International Security</li> <li>MLINS 6369 – Seminar in International Development Studies</li> <li>MLINS 6370 – Global Health</li> <li>MLINS 6377 – Business-Government Relations in the Developing World</li> <li>MLMLA 6393 – MLA Seminar (When relevant)</li> <li>MLPHI 5312 – Natural Law</li> <li>MLPHI 5318 – Bioethics</li> <li>MLPHI 5319 – Political and Legal Theory of St. Thomas</li> <li>MLPHI 5356 – Political Philosophy</li> <li>MLPHI 6366 – Philosophy of Education</li> <li>MLPOS 5301 – Statistics for Political Science</li> <li>MLPOS 5321 – Immigration Law and Policy</li> <li>MLPOS 5332 – Urban Politics</li> <li>MLPOS 5338 – Internet and Politics</li> <li>MLPOS 5350 – U.S. Congress</li> <li>MLPOS 5353 – The Presidency and the Executive Branch</li> <li>MLPOS 5354 – Emergency Management</li> </ul>		

MLPOS 5355 – U.S. Constitutional Law  
MLPOS 5374 – Public Organizations: Theory and Behavior  
MLPOS 5375 – Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations  
MLPOS 5377 – Administrative Law  
MLPOS 5378 – Employment Law  
MLPOS 6310 – Constitutional Politics  
MLPOS 6391 – Internship in Political Science  
MLPOS 6393 – Special Topics in Political Science (When relevant)  
MLTHE 6324 – Christian Ethics and the Law  
MLTHE 6334 – Social Justice and the Church

**Public Management Track:**

Students who choose the Public Management track will take a total of 15 credit hours from the following courses and/or relevant graduate-level courses in cognate fields:

MPPA Courses:

MPPA 5303 – Comparative Public Policy and Administration  
MPPA 5304 – Public Leadership: Principles, Practices, & Realities  
MPPA 5311 – Program Evaluation in Public Management  
MPPA 5312 – Strategic Planning  
MPPA 5313 – Urban and Regional Planning  
MPPA 5314 – State and Local Government Administration  
MPPA 5316 – Federalism and Public Policy

Cognate Field-Related Courses:

MLENV 5348 – Urban Planning  
MLMLA 6393 – MLA Seminar (When relevant)  
MLPOS 5301 – Statistics for Political Science  
MLPOS 5332 – Urban Politics  
MLPOS 5338 – Internet and Politics  
MLPOS 5353 – The Presidency and the Executive Branch  
MLPOS 5354 – Emergency Management  
MLPOS 5355 – U.S. Constitutional Law  
MLPOS 5375 – Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations  
MLPOS 5377 – Administrative Law  
MLPOS 5378 – Employment Law  
MLPOS 6310 – Constitutional Politics  
MLPOS 6391 – Internship in Political Science  
MLPOS 6393 – Special Topics in Political Science (When relevant)

**Public Policy Track:**

Students who choose the Public Policy track will take a total of 15 credit hours from the following courses or from relevant graduate-level courses in cognate fields:

MPPA Courses:

MPPA 5301 – Economic Analysis for Public Policy  
MPPA 5303 – Comparative Public Policy and Administration  
MPPA 5305 – U.S. Energy Policy  
MPPA 5306 – U.S. Health Policy  
MPPA 5308 – Government Regulation  
MPPA 5309 – U.S. Science and Technology Policy  
MPPA 5310 – Policy Development and Implementation  
MPPA 5311 – Program Evaluation in Public Management  
MPPA 5316 – Federalism and Public Policy  
MPPA 5317 – Social Justice and Public Policy

<p>Cognate Field-Related Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLENV 6353 – Environmental Policy and Law</li> <li>MLINS 6361 – Global Energy</li> <li>MLINS 6365 – Development and Democracy</li> <li>MLINS 6366 – International Security</li> <li>MLINS 6370 – Global Health</li> <li>MLMLA 6393 – MLA Seminar (When relevant)</li> <li>MLPHI 5318 – Bioethics</li> <li>MLPHI 6366 – Philosophy of Education</li> <li>MLPOS 5301 – Statistics for Political Science</li> <li>MLPOS 5321 – Immigration Law and Policy</li> <li>MLPOS 5350 – U.S. Congress</li> <li>MLPOS 6391 – Internship in Political Science</li> <li>MLPOS 6393 – Special Topics in Political Science (When relevant)</li> <li>MLTHE 6324 – Christian Ethics and the Law</li> <li>MLTHE 6334 – Social Justice and the Church</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Professional Report/Thesis (3 semester hours)</b>  Choose one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MPPA 5392 Directed Readings: Professional Paper</li> <li>MPPA 5398 Master’s Thesis</li> </ul>		
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>36</b>	