

MPA/MS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE JOINT DEGREE

This program combines rigorous academics with a creative, hands-on approach. You may specialize in professional politics or international relations. Students must meet the admission requirements of each program. **Two master's degrees will be awarded when all degree requirements for both programs are fulfilled.**

MPA/MS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Full-time: 16-24 months | Part-time: 24-30 months
Total Credits: 58 | Total Courses: 18

MPA REQUIRED COURSES (15 credits/5 courses)

- PAD 712 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
- PAD 713 Foundations of Public Financial Administration
- PAD 714 Legal Basis of Public Management
- PAD 716 Public Service Human Resource Management
- PAD 717 Organizational Effectiveness in Government

MPA ELECTIVES (15 credits/select any five PAD courses not already included in the required five)

POLITICAL SCIENCE/GOVERNMENT REQUIRED COURSES (20 credits/6 courses)

Professional Politics

- GOV 703 Thesis/Internship
- GOV 723 Internship
- GOV 747 Seminar in Legislation and Lobbying (4 credits)
- GOV 755 Seminar in Campaigns and Elections (4 credits)
- GOV 773 Ethical Issues in Politics (4 credits)
- GOV 777 Advanced Research Methods in Political Science (4 credits)

OR

International Relations

- GOV 703 Thesis/Internship
- GOV 723 Internship
- GOV 761 Seminar in International Relations
- GOV 763 International Political Economy (4 credits)
- GOV 773 Ethical Issues in Politics (4 credits)
- GOV 777 Advanced Research Methods

POLITICAL SCIENCE/GOVERNMENT ELECTIVES

(6 credits/select any two GOV or PAD courses not already included in the required six)

ADMISSION

To be reviewed for admission into the MPA/MS in Political Science program, you must:

- Meet the entrance requirements for both the MPA and MS in Political Science programs
- Apply for the joint degree program during the first year of matriculation
- Complete the application process

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (CASPA)

Total Credits: 15-18

Total Courses: 5-6

CASPA with Concentration: 18 credits/6 courses

This postgraduate program will help you increase your understanding of current concepts and tools used in public administration. It is valuable for MPA graduates entering new areas of public administration or seeking to advance in their current profession. You may choose from among more than 40 courses, tailoring a program to meet your needs. You must complete all courses within five years with a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better. In addition to the five-course CASPA, you may elect, with one more course, to choose a concentration area. The curriculum, therefore, consists of five required concentration courses plus one elective. Concentrations are available in the following areas:

- Community Engagement
- Disability Studies
- Health
- Non-profit Management
- State and Local Government

ADMISSION

To be considered for admission to the CASPA, you must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree and an MPA from a school accredited by NASPAA
- Complete prerequisite courses, as a non-certificate candidate if you have a management graduate degree other than an MPA
- Complete the application process