



5-Year Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies + Master of Public Administration Degree

The 5-Year BA+MPA is a fast-track program designed for high performing undergraduates in Urban Studies. By accelerating the completion of two degrees, students will jump start their careers as professionals in public administration.

Admission Requirements

Students must submit an application for admission to the MPA Program through the Office of Graduate Admissions. A complete application is comprised of the application form or on-line application, the \$30.00 application fee, official Graduate Record Exam scores, and two letters of recommendation from faculty.

Minimum qualifications: 90 hours earned, grade point average of 3.25 or better, GRE scores at the 40th percentile (verbal and quantitative combined) and an Analytical Writing score of 4.0 or better, plus completion of core competencies (economics, public policy and statistics) by earning a grade of B or better in UST 300, UST 301, UST 302, and UST 404, or their transfer equivalents.

BA Program

PHASE I

Upper Division College Requirements (8 hrs.)

UST 404 Urban Data Analysis*
UST 405 Methods of Research and Evaluation

Required Courses (16 hrs.)

UST 300 Economics of Policy Analysis*
UST 301 Urban Development*
UST 302 Contemporary Urban Issues*
UST 489 Senior Seminar

Urban Management Required Courses (27 hrs.)

UST 452 Management of Urb & Nonprofit Organizations
UST 459 Budgeting & Policy Analysis
UST 458 Urban Policy
PAD 515 Introduction to Public Administration*
PAD 517 Public Administration & Political Process*
PAD 518 Public Human Resources Management (3 cr.)*
Plus one chosen from:
UST 410 Proposal Writing & Pgm Development
UST 493 Cleveland Seminar
UST 433 Negotiation & Conflict Management
UST 473 Columbus Seminar
UST 474 Washington Seminar
UST 494 Levin Chair Seminar

PHASE II Transition

PAD 516 Public Finance & Economics*
UST 490 Cooperative Education Internship (4 cr.)*
PAD 5XX Public Administration Elective (3-4 cr.)*

The BA in Urban Studies is awarded with 128 hours earned and completion of all General Education, College and Major Field requirements. The cumulative GPA must be 3.0 with B or better in all 500-level courses.

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MPA Program

PHASE III

MPA Requirements

Core (8 hrs.)

PAD 601 Applied Quantitative Reasoning I (4 hrs.)
PAD 604 Organizational Behavior (4 hrs.)

Complete one specialization chosen from:

General Public Management (10-12 hrs. minimum)

PAD 635 Public Sector Information Management (required)
(4 hrs)
Elective (3-4 hrs.)
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City Management (11 hrs. minimum)

PAD 619 Seminar in City Management (3 hrs.)
PAD 633 Budget Policy & Management (4 hrs.)
PAD 634 Ethics in the Public Sector (4 hrs.)

Exit Requirements (4 hrs.)

PAD 692 MPA Capstone (4 hrs.)

The MPA degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 9 courses taken during Phase II (BA) and Phase III (MPA) for a minimum of 33 credit hours. All Graduate College and MPA Program rules regarding academic standing and graduation apply.

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