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The Department of Political Science offers one graduate degree, the Master of Public Administration. The Master of Public Administration is a professional degree designed to prepare students for administrative careers in contemporary society.

Assistantships

The department offers three graduate assistantships each year. The graduate assistants perform research and administrative tasks for the faculty. Each assistant receives full tuition remission plus stipend. An assistantship, once granted, is renewable for a second year.

Master of Public Administration (PAD)

To receive the Master of Public Administration degree, the student must satisfactorily complete 39 semester hours of coursework with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

The 39 hours of coursework must include:

- MPA 500 Public Administration 3
- MPA 504 State & Local Government 3
- or MPA 551 Introduction to Public Policy 3
- MPA 510 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration 3
- MPA 511 Applied Research Techniques 3
- MPA 520 Organization Theory 3
- MPA 526 or MPA 524 Leadership in Building Communities Ethics in Public Administration 3
- MPA 530 Public Budgeting 3
- MPA 540 Public Sector Human Resource Management 3
- MPA 599 Public Administration Capstone 3

The required courses may be waived for students with appropriate academic backgrounds.

The remainder of the 39 hours must consist of courses selected from the MPA curriculum. Exceptions may be made, on the determination of the program director, if the students career objectives make public management-related courses in other graduate programs particularly useful. No more than 6 semester hours outside the MPA curriculum may be taken.

Within the general requirements listed above, the student may select one of three options:

1. The student may take 33 to 36 semester hours of academic coursework and three to six semester hours of MPA 595 Government Internship. A student choosing this option is encouraged to begin the internship only after completing 18 semester hours of other courses.
2. The student, under certain conditions, may take 33 to 36 semester hours of academic coursework and three to six semester hours of MPA 597 Public Service Project. This option is available only to students employed in administrative positions other than internships in public or nonprofit agencies. Students should enroll in MPA 597 only after completing 18 hours of other courses.
3. The student may take the full 39 semester hours in regular academic courses.

Accelerated BA+MPA Program

UD undergraduate students within the College of Arts and Sciences with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better at the time of application are eligible to participate in the accelerated BA+MPA program leading to a Master of Public Administration degree.

Eligible undergraduate students are required to apply for admission to the accelerated BA+MPA program and to the Graduate School and may do so as early as the second semester of their junior year. At least 75% of the credit hours required for graduation within the student’s undergraduate degree program must be completed before graduate admission can be approved.

Applicants who meet the admission requirements (see 1. above) will be conditionally admitted into the MPA degree program and permitted to enroll in graduate courses approved by both the student’s undergraduate department and the MPA program.

Although the students in the accelerated BA+MPA program can take several approved graduate courses while enrolled as undergraduates, only two courses (a maximum of six semester hours) may be counted towards both the BA and MPA degrees. These two courses must be explicitly approved in writing by both the student’s undergraduate department and the MPA program before they are taken.

Students admitted to the accelerated program will continue to be classified as undergraduate students until they complete all undergraduate degree requirements. These students need to take 12 or more semester hours per term to maintain full-time status, and will be charged the standard tuition and fee rates applicable to undergraduate students. Graduate courses taken for undergraduate credits will be assessed at the standard undergraduate tuition and fee rate. Under no circumstances will a student be charged tuition and fees in excess of the listed full-time tuition and fees amount (unless increased for overload hours as applicable). Upon successful completion of their undergraduate requirements, students will receive their BA degree.

At the completion of the undergraduate requirements, the accelerated program students may apply for admission into the Graduate School with regular status, after submission of all required admission materials and review by the MPA admission committee. Graduate students within the MPA program need to take a minimum of six semester hours per term to maintain status as full-time students.

Master's degree students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of a B (3.0) in all graduate-level coursework, with no more than six semester hours of C. Students who fail to meet these standards are placed on academic probation or dismissed from the program.

The Master of Public Administration will be conferred upon successful completion of all appropriate graduate degree requirements.

Please complete form (pdf) and submit to the Department of Political Science, St. Joseph Hall, Room 227. (https://www.udayton.edu/
Public Administration*

MPA 500 Public Administration 3
MPA 504 State & Local Government 3
MPA 510 Quantitative Methods in Public Administration 3
MPA 511 Applied Research Techniques 3
MPA 520 Organization Theory 3
MPA 526 Leadership in Building Communities 3
or MPA 524 Ethics in Public Administration
MPA 530 Public Budgeting 3
MPA 540 Public Sector Human Resource Management 3
MPA 599 Public Administration Capstone 3

Four MPA electives selected from the curriculum areas below **

Certificate in Non-profit and Community Leadership (NPF)

MPA 561 Nonprofit & Community Leadership 3

Electives 9

MPA 526 Leadership in Building Communities
MPA 562 Strategic Planning for Nonprofit & Community Organizations
MPA 563 NGO Management & Development
MPA 564 Overview of Grant Funding
MPA 566 Nonprofit Community Relations
MPA 567 Building the Nonprofit Network
MPA 568 The Responsive Nonprofit
MPA 569 Nonprofit Financial Management

Total hours 12