

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION



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Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

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Public Policy and Administration; Urban Land Development

Catalog Year Effective:

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Program Snapshot**Type of Program:**

Major

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Title of the Program:

Master of Public Policy and Administration

Designation: (degree terminology)

Master of Public Policy

Delivery Mode:

Fully Face to Face

Support Mode:

State Support

Please see the CSU/CIP Code Crosswalk: https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/administration/academic-affairs/academic-programs-innovation-and-faculty-development/Documents/CSU_Codes_to_CIP_2020.pdf

TMC Templates: <https://c-idsystem.org/transfer-efforts/>

Will this program require accreditation?

No

Provide a clear, concise overview of the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification. For NEW programs describe the purpose and focus of the program, identify the target student population(s), and highlight key strengths and distinguishing features of the program.

We propose to include a new elective courses PPA 280 Special Topics in Public Policy and Administration. The Form A for PPA 280 has been submitted to curriculum workflow. PPA 280 is designed to allow topic/theme specific content based on current topics and community partnerships. Students will be allowed to repeat up to twice as long as the themes/topic are different between semesters. Students may repeat PPA 280 for a total of 6 units toward elective credit. This will be consistent with the repeat policy for PPA 280 from A where students may only repeat after the department gives consent by verifying that the repeat course is of a different topic and with a different instructor.

We also propose to include another new elective course PPA 296P Graduate Fellowship Seminar. This has been submitted to workflow. This course will provide supervised experience with structured mentoring. This hands on experience will fine-tune student professional development or career readiness.

Students are required to choose two (6 units) among a list of electives. Currently these are PPA 270 and PPA 272. By adding PPA 280 and PPA 296P students will be allowed more flexibility in their elective choices and access to a wider variety of topics and themes based on their career goals. We are proposing this, rather than making changes to external elective options so that we may act quickly on opportunities to engage students in emerging topics and the dynamic needs of the region's community partners.

No other change to the program are proposed. Students will continue to have the option to select elective substitutes and waivers to meet their needs within the existing program process for approval.

This proposal results in no changes to program budget or need for facilities.

University Learning Goals**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Disciplinary knowledge
Communication
Critical thinking/analysis
Information literacy
Professionalism

Intercultural/Global perspectives
Research (optional)

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Curriculum Alignment and Assessment

Program Learning Outcomes

Provide measurable, program-specific learning outcomes that reflect the most important competencies students will demonstrate upon completion of the program. Programs are expected to assess and use PLOs for continuous improvement.

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome

1) Synthesize, analyze, and offer solutions to public policy and administration problems;

2) Apply knowledge and skills in a professional setting; and

3) Recognize the role of the profession in society (e.g., by considering the ethical dimension of choices about public policy and administration).

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3
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Catalog Description (catalog copy):

Total units required for MPPA: 36

Program Description

The Capital Campus's graduate programs in Public Policy and Administration prepare future leaders to address the complex issues that face California. We serve the State and the region by developing leaders with strong analytical tools and a deep commitment to public service.

Graduates of our graduate programs are expected to have the ability to: 1) synthesize, analyze, and offer solutions to public policy and administration problems; 2) apply knowledge and skills in a professional setting; and 3) recognize the role of the profession in society (e.g., by considering the ethical dimension of choices about public policy and administration).

Admission and Continuation Requirements (catalog copy): minimum GPA and prerequisites (if applicable), required coursework or preparation, portfolio, test scores, and/or letters of recommendation. For graduate programs: expectations for a relevant bachelor's degree (required or preferred disciplines, prerequisite knowledge, or equivalent experience), include evidence that program requirements conform to the minimum requirements for the culminating experience, as specified in Title 5 Section 40510 The Master's Degree and Section 40511 The Doctoral Degree.

Admission Requirements

Admission to classified standing in the program requires:

- the baccalaureate degree;
- a GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate coursework or in the last 60 units;
- GRE not required;
- completion of the following (or their equivalents at other colleges or universities as determined by the Department Chair):

Code	Title	Units
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomic Analysis	3
POLS 1	Essentials Of Government	3

- a typewritten statement of purpose, from one to two pages in length, addressing the applicant's purpose in pursuing the Master of Public Policy and Administration;
- a tailored CV or resume, from one to two pages in length;
- three letters of recommendation from individuals with knowledge of the applicant's academic and professional potential.

All applicants to graduate programs who have not completed a baccalaureate degree from a postsecondary educational institution where English is the primary language of instruction must achieve a minimum score on TOEFL or IELTS. The minimum score is 83 iBT (560 Paper Based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS.

A student with certain deficiencies in the above requirements may be admitted to the program on a conditionally classified status. Admission conditions will be determined on an individual basis.

Admission Procedures

All prospective students must file the following with the Office of Graduate Studies:

- an online application for admission;
- one set of official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State*

For more admissions information and application deadlines please visit <https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/>.

The items below should be submitted to the Department office:

- written statement of purpose;
- letters of recommendation;
- tailored CV or resume (1-2 pages)
- program application; and
- TOEFL score or IELTS score, if applicable.

Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MPPA: 36

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0 with no grade lower than a "B-" in all required courses (and "credit" for PPA 500).

Advancement to Candidacy

Students must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy listing their program of graduate study. The filing procedure should begin as soon as the student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least five of the program's required courses with a minimum grade of "B-" in each and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; and
- Satisfy the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) by completing one of our Departmental Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) courses with a grade of "B" or better (either PPA 200 or PPA 220A) or meeting one of the other standards set by the Office of Graduate Studies.

Department specific advancement to candidacy forms are available in the Department office.

Program Requirements (catalog copy):

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses (27 Units)		
PPA 200	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration 	3
PPA 205	Research in Public Policy and Administration	3
PPA 207	Quantitative Methods in Public Policy and Administration	3
PPA 210	Political Environment of Policy Making	3
PPA 220A	Applied Economic Analysis I 	3
PPA 220B	Applied Economic Analysis II	3
PPA 230	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
PPA 240A	Public Management and Administration I	3
PPA 240B	Public Management and Administration II	3
Electives choose 2 (6 units) ¹		
PPA 296P	Course PPA 296P Not Found	
PPA 270	Introduction to Collaborative Policy Making	
PPA 272	Collaborative Governance Advanced Practice	
PPA 280	Course PPA 280 Not Found	
Culminating Requirement (3 Units)		
PPA 500	Culminating Experience ²	3
Total Units		30

Footnotes

¹ PPA graduate students are required to take 6 units of elective courses. Ordinarily at least 3 of these units should be chosen from among the graduate level elective courses offered by the Department of Public Policy and Administration. As appropriate, the requirement to take at least 3 units within PPA may be waived with the approval of the student's academic advisor and the Department Chair. Graduate students are allowed one upper-level division undergraduate course.

2 Enrollment in PPA 500 is required of students in their last semester of enrollment in the program. Each student will undertake a project dealing with a policy or administrative issue and complete a significant written work detailing the problem or issue examined, sources of information used in analyzing the issue, and project findings and conclusions.

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

Not applicable.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

Not applicable

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

Not applicable

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

none

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