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Master of Public Administration: Required Coursework
Concentration: Policy Research & Analysis

SPIA Core (12 Credits)

Number	Title	Pre-requisites	Term Completed	Can be waived?
PIA 2022	Quantitative Methods	None		Yes. If waived, must take additional elective
PIA 2025	Microeconomics	None		No
PIA 2028	Public Policy Analysis	PIA 2022		No
PIA 2096 or PIA 2099	Capstone Seminar Thesis	24 credits 24 credits + PIA 2003 + approval		No
Internship Requirement: All students must complete an approved internship of at least 300 hours while enrolled at SPIA. The internship must be approved by the student's career advisor in advance. Students with at least three years of relevant full-time work experience may petition their career advisor for a waiver of this requirement during their first semester.				

MPA Degree Core (9 Credits)

PIA 2020	Administration of Public Affairs	None	
PIA 2117	Public Program Evaluation	PIA 2022	
PIA 2104	Financial Management	None	

PRA Concentration Courses (12 Credits)

PIA 2023	Intermediate Quantitative Methods	PIA 2022	
PIA 2---	PRA Concentration Course		
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Free Electives/Minor Courses (15 Credits)

PIA 2---	Elective/minor course		
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Notes:

48 credits are required to graduate. Joint-degree students take a minimum 36 SPIA credits and must have 3 terms of SPIA residency.

Students may waive PIA 2022 if they pass the waiver exam. If waived, the class must be replaced by an additional elective.

Meet with your academic advisor every term to confirm your progress toward graduation.