University of Pittsburgh | School of Public and International Affairs

Master of Public Administration: Required Coursework

Concentration: Public Policy (for students starting in Fall 2027 or later)

Degree Core (18 Credits)

Number	Title	Pre-requisites	Term Completed	Can be waived?
PIA 2020	Administration of Public Affairs	None		No
PIA 2022	Quantitative Methods	None		No
PIA 2025	Microeconomics	None		No
PIA 2028	Public Policy Analysis	None		No
PIA 2117	Program Evaluation	None		No
PIA 2096 or PIA 2099	Capstone Seminar Thesis	12 credits 12 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.				

Program Core (3 credits)

Take one of the following two courses: PIA 2023 Intermediate Quantitative Methods PIA 2104 Financial Management		

Public Policy Concentration Courses (9 credits)

Take one of the following courses: PIA 2003 Qualitative Methods PIA 2032 Advanced Quantitative Methods PIA 2250 Tech, Data, and AI for Public Sector Leaders PIA 2715 GIS for Public Policy PIA 2720 Applied GIS in Local Government			
PIA 2---	PP Concentration Course		
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Electives/Minor Courses (6 credits)

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Notes:

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

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