

URBAN PLANNING, MUP/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

The College of Letters and Science and the Lubar College of Business offer and present jointly the Master of Public Administration (MPA).

The program is designed to provide theoretical and practical preparation for careers in public and non-profit administration with three areas of concentration: municipal management, general public administration, and non-profit management.

A coordinated degree program has been designed to allow students to obtain both the Master of Public Administration and the Master of Urban Planning degrees concurrently.

This program is intended to combine professional training in planning with applied administrative and managerial skills. The MPA/MUP requirements are described later in this section.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Credits and Courses

This program allows students to complete master's degrees in Public Administration and in Urban Planning concurrently. The coordinated degree requires 42-45 credits of required courses and completion of a concentration in Public Administration (18 credits). However, because some courses completed for the core requirements of the MUP also may count toward the MPA concentration, students may complete the dual degree with a minimum of 54-57 credits. The total number of credits will depend on the student's track and choice of concentration in public administration.

Required Courses in Urban Planning (27 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
URBPLAN 701	Introduction to Land Use Planning	1
URBPLAN 702	Introduction to Planning Law	2
URBPLAN 711	Planning Theories and Practice	3
URBPLAN 720	Urban Development Theory and Planning	3
URBPLAN 721	Applied Planning Methods	3
URBPLAN 740	Data Analysis Methods I	3
URBPLAN 810	Planning Policy Analysis	6
URBPLAN 811	Applied Planning Workshop	3
Select one of the following:		3
URBPLAN 751	Introduction to Urban Design and Physical Planning	
URBPLAN 791	Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems for Planning	

URBPLAN 857	Urban Design as Public Policy	
Total Credits		27
Required Courses in Public Administration (18 credits)		
Code	Title	Credits
BUS ADM 738	Human Resource Management	3
URBPLAN 630	Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector	3
POL SCI 763	Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration	3
PUB ADM 921	Public Service Administrative Internship ¹	3
or URBPLAN 991	Legislative/Administrative Agency Internship	
PUB ADM 959	Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3
Select one seminar in organizational management and leadership from the following:		3
BUS ADM 731	Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion	
BUS ADM 732	Transforming Organizations	
BUS ADM 737	Managerial Decisions and Negotiations	
Total Credits		18

¹ The internship requirement will be waived for students with significant public sector work experience.

Concentration Requirement (18 credits)

Completion of all the requirements for one of the concentrations in Public Administration. A maximum of six credits of MUP core courses may be used as electives in the MPA concentrations.