

NEW MPA CURRICULUM— STARTING FALL 2013

MASTER'S OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.)
@ SF STATE



WHY A NEW CURRICULUM?

- New, emerging issues in public affairs to be incorporated
- Developing management trends needed to be included
- Lots of new content to be incorporated into curriculum
 - Collaborative management
 - Civic engagement
 - Contracting out
 - Change management
 - Macroeconomics
- Wanted to take advantage of what our new colleagues in PACE– Urban Studies / Planning, Criminal Justice and Environmental Studies –could offer



CURRICULUM FOCUS- OVERLAYS REMAIN

- Innovative, Cutting Edge Topics and Material
- Solid fundamentals
- Complete flexibility in electives
 - Design for your own career path
- Cross-curriculum focus on
 - Writing
 - Critical Thinking
 - Oral Presentation Skills
 - Team Work
- Balance between theory and practice



NEW CUTTING EDGE CURRICULUM

- 39-42 Units
- 6 Elective Emphases
- Solid Core Courses– 12 Units
- Choose from Management Perspectives– 12 units
- Complete Flexibility in Electives– 12 Units
- Internship- 3 units– Can Be Waived
- Culminating Experience– 3 Units

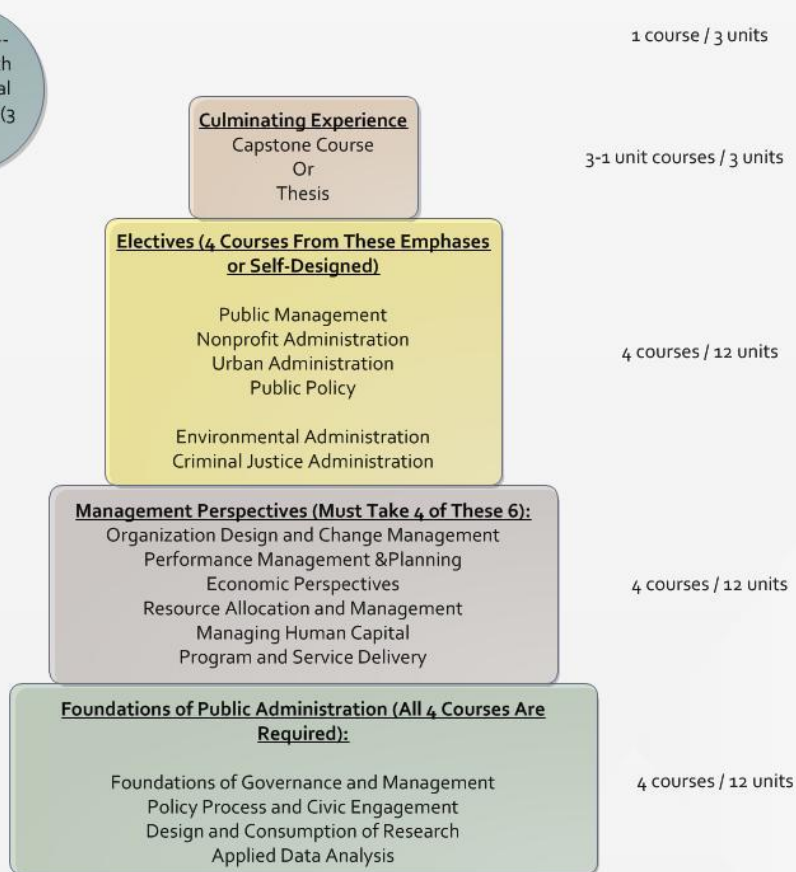


Proposed New MPA Curriculum

Curriculum With
Internship:
42 units / 14 courses

Curriculum:
39 units /
13 courses

Internship--
Waived with
Professional
Experience (3
Units)



OVERVIEW OF NEW CURRICULUM

REORGANIZED CORE COURSES: STUDENT TAKES ALL 4 COURSES

- PA 700: Foundations of Governance and Management, 3
- PA 705: Design and Consumption of Research, 3
- PA 706: Applied Data Analysis, 3
- PA 715: Policy Process and Civic Engagement, 3



NEW SECTION- MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES: STUDENT CHOOSES 4 OUT OF 6 COURSES

Choose 4 of 6 courses (12 units):

- PA 720: Organization Design and Change Management, 3
- PA 722: Performance Management and Planning, 3
- PA 724: Economic Perspectives, 3
- PA 725: Managing Human Capital, 3
- PA 727: Program and Service Delivery, 3
- PA 730: Resource Allocation and Management, 3



2 NEW ELECTIVE EMPHASES

- Public Service Management
- Non-Profit Administration
- Urban Administration
- Public Policy
- ***Criminal Justice Administration***
- ***Environmental Policy & Administration (in conjunction with Department of Geography & Human Environmental Studies)***
- Self-Designed Emphasis



SELF-DESIGNED EMPHASES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

- Upon Advisement, Can Select Courses
- Examples
 - Health Administration
 - Theater Administration
 - Public Finance
 - Organizational Development
- Or, Just Select Individual Electives



3 UNIT ELECTIVES: SOME REORGANIZED, SOME RENAMED, SOME NEW

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| PA 740: Public Service Management, 3 | PA 757: Moving the Public Service Online, 3 |
| PA 741: Emerging Trends in Public Service, 3 | PA 762: Leading Change Across Sectors, 3 |
| PA 744: Nonprofits, Public Policy and Society, 3 | PA 770: Policy Analysis, 3 |
| PA 745: Perspectives on Nonprofit Management, 3 | PA 775: Program Evaluation, 3 |
| PA 746: Organizational Learning and Nonprofit Management, 3 (CSL) | PA 776: Environmental Policy, 3 |
| PA 750: Financial Management in Public Service, 3 | PA 777: Criminal Justice Administration, 3 |
| PA 752: Public Affairs and the Law, 3 | PA 780: Urban Administration, 3 |
| PA 753: Decision Making in Public Service, 3 | PA 781: Sustainable Development in Cities, 3 |
| PA 754: Comparative Perspectives in Public Service, 3 | PA 783: Urban Housing Policy, 3 |
| PA 755: Information and Knowledge in the Public Service, 3 | PA 784: Intergovernmental Relations, 3 |



NEW KIND OF ELECTIVE: 1 UNIT ELECTIVES MOSTLY
OFFERED WINTER, SUMMER
(VERY SPECIFIC, 15 HOUR COURSES ON TRENDING TOPICS)

- PA 707: Qualitative Data Analysis
- PA 708: Qualitative Interviewing
- PA 709: Logistic Regression
- PA 743: Collaborative Government
- PA 747: Organizational Ethics
- PA 748: Negotiation and Conflict Management
- PA 751: Pensions and Pension Administration
- PA 756: Data Mining & Data Visualization
- PA 763: Personal Leadership Development



SAME CULMINATING EXPERIENCE OPTIONS

- Thesis
 - Traditional Social Science Research
- PA 800: Capstone Course with
 - Strategic Assessment Memorandum (Written Comprehensive Examination)
 - Synthesizing Course, Pulls Together Program



SAME 3 UNIT INTERNSHIP COURSE BUT 1 UNIT INTERNSHIP SEMINAR NOW FOLDED INTO 3 UNIT INTERNSHIP COURSE— RESULTING IN ONLY 1-3 UNIT COURSE, NOT 4 TOTAL UNITS

- 300 Hours (20 per week in 15 weeks semester)
- Great way to get foot in the door of new career or agency
- May Be Waived with Significant Work Experience



STILL NO PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- None! Have been removed!

