

Department of Political Science  
Graduate Programs in Public Administration  
**MPA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

(OU Major Code M805)

Total Hours – 36 Graduate Hours<sup>1</sup>  
Minimum Grade Point Average – Overall 3.00

*The Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Oklahoma is a NASPAA accredited degree program.*

### Required Courses - 15 Hours

- P SC 5003 – Introduction to Public Administration
- P SC 5143 – Program Evaluation & Applied Policy Analysis
- P SC 5363 – Public Financial Management
- P SC 5913 – Introduction to Analysis of Political & Administrative Data
- P SC 5963 – Capstone in Public Administration

### Concentrations

To complete a concentration, a student must have nine hours within the concentration area, with at least 3 of those hours being from political science.

#### **General (Q550)**

The standard concentration has no specific requirements concerning electives and is the most popular concentration with our students.

#### **Nonprofit Management (Q471)**

The nonprofit management concentration examines issues related to the nonprofit sector and equips graduate students for leadership roles in nonprofits and policy advocate groups. Students may select from the list below for courses that apply to the nonprofit management concentration.

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| • P SC 5033 - Foundations of Nonprofit Management          | • P SC 5253 - Human Resource Administration            |
| • P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations         | • P SC 5363 - Public Financial Management              |
| • P SC 5133 - Strategic Planning & Performance Measurement | • P SC 6143 - Seminar in Public Organizations Behavior |
|  | • P SC 6173 - Seminar-Public Administration            |

#### **Public Management (Q556)**

The public management concentration places emphasis in preparing students for managing programs in large and small governmental and public organizations. Students may select from the list below for courses that apply to the public management concentration.

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| • P SC 5033 - Foundations of Nonprofit Management          | • P SC 5170 - Problems in Public Administration |
| • P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations         | • P SC 5183 - Public Budgeting & Finance        |
| • P SC 5093 - Grants & Contracts                           | • P SC 5243 - Managing Public Programs          |
| • P SC 5103 - Organizations: Design, Structure & Process   | • P SC 5253 - Human Resource Administration     |
| • P SC 5113 - Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations     | • P SC 5313 - Urban Politics                    |
| • P SC 5133 - Strategic Planning & Performance Measurement | • P SC 5803 - Emergency Management              |

**Public Policy (Q561)**

This concentration is designed for students who are interested in policy analysis positions or political leadership roles. Students may select from the list below for courses that apply to the public policy concentration.

- P SC 5043 - Public Policy Implementation
- P SC 5053 - Agenda-Setting Public Policy
- P SC 5063 - Nonprofits & Public Sector Relations
- P SC 5083 - Strategies in Politics & Public Policy
- P SC 5213 - Risk, Public Policy & Law
- P SC 5223 - Public Policy Analysis
- P SC 5233 - Health Policy
- P SC 5323 - Problems in Public Policy
- P SC 5333 - Environmental Policy & Administration
- P SC 5343 - Public Policy & Inequality
- P SC 5373 - Education Policy
- P SC 5393 - Regulatory Policy
- P SC 5903 - Social Movement Theory

**Electives - 12 hours**

Other OU Political Sciences courses to meet degree requirements. Up to 12 hours of transfer work from other OU colleges and/or other OU departments will be accepted if the content of the course(s) has some reasonable relationship to the fields of public administration or public policy.

<sup>1</sup> A minimum of 24 credit hours must be in public administration/public policy courses offered by the University of Oklahoma.