

## **The Dual M.P.A./M.A. in Political Science and Public Affairs Program**

The M.P.A./M.A. unites the American and urban focus of public policy analysis with the broad international concerns of political science. Consequently, it can prepare graduates to better understand the global context of local politics and problems. The program seeks to provide its graduates with proficiency in management principles and techniques, research and evaluation skills, and the analysis of individual and institutional values as they relate to social, economic, and political behavior.

This program is designed for public service professionals and for students who have not yet entered the work force who are interested in preparing themselves for careers in the public sector at the international, national, state, and local levels and in the nonprofit sector. The program can also further career aspirations of students seeking career opportunities in for-profit organizations that have extensive ties with government. It can provide training for foreign students preparing for jobs.

There are a total of 51 hours of course work required for the M.P.A./M.A. in Political Science dual degree. The required courses are:

- POLS 6320 Organizational Theory and Behavior (3 credit hours)
- POLS 5330 Economics of the Public Sector (3 credit hours)
- POLS 5325 Introduction to Public Sector Budgeting (3 credit hours)
- POLS 5300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy (3 credit hours)
- POLS 5310 Issues in Public Administration (3 credit hours)
- POLS 5020 Advanced Topics in Research Methods (3 credit hours)
- Any two core classes from either American Politics or International affairs concentration (6 credit hours)
- A core class from the other concentration, not selected above (3 credit hours)
- Internship (3 credit hours)
- 18 hours of electives, of which 9 will be in Political Science and 9 in Public Policy
- Capstone (3 credit hours)