

Public Policy and Administration Concentration

The Public Policy and Administration concentration requires 30 hours of coursework, including the following:

Core courses - 6 hours

- POLS 5100 Seminar in American Politics
- *Choose one of:* POLS 5310 Issues in U.S. Public Administration, POLS 5350 Issues in Public Policy, or POLS 6310 Policy Process

Research methods - 3 hours

- POLS 5020 Advanced Topics in Research Methods

Political Theory - 3 hours.* Choose one from:

- POLS 5730 Contemporary Political Ideologies
- POLS 5740 Marx's Capital
- POLS 5750 American Political Thought: Meanings of Citizenship
- POLS 5760 Feminist Theory
- POLS 5770 Feminist Epistemologies
- POLS 5780 Leadership and Culture

Other required courses - 6 hours. Choose from:

- ECON 5010 Economics for Managers
- POLS 5325 Public Sector Budgeting
- POLS 5350 Issues in Public Policy
- POLS 5360 Urban Economic Development
- POLS 5850 Policy Evaluation and Assessment
- POLS 6330 Public Finance Theory

Political Science electives - 6 to 9 hours

Internship - 3 to 6 hours

Field exam - 0 hours, taken at the start of the final semester of coursework

All students must complete a total of 30 credit hours for the M.A. degree. No more than 12 hours of the M.A. may be taken outside the Political Science department; no more than 6 hours may be taken at the 4000-level; and no more than 6 hours may be independent study classes or internships.

Some classes have prerequisites. Depending on their undergraduate preparation, students may be required to take specific undergraduate classes prior to enrolling in graduate classes.

Exceptions will be allowed only with the approval of the Coordinator of Graduate Studies for the department.

*Students who began the M.A. before Fall 2017 may substitute POLS 5010 Cultural Methods for the Political Theory class.

