

Requirements for the Master of Public Administration (MPA)

2016-2018 Catalog Requirements

In pursuit of academic excellence and diversity, high quality student experiences, and community engagement, the mission of this graduate program is career preparation and development for policy/decision-making, managerial and administrative positions in the public and nonprofit sectors. The program is especially responsive to regional government and nonprofit sector needs, preparing graduates for state and local managerial and public service leadership.

Requirements for the MPA Program

MPA Foundation (may be taken as an undergraduate, 6 units)

1. PPA 4010
2. PPA 4038

MPA Core Requirements (18 units)

1. PPA 5000
2. PPA 5020
3. PPA 6100
4. PPA 6110
5. PPA 6520
6. PPA 6530

MPA Electives (9 units)

Students in the MPA program must complete three additional approved courses at the 5000- or 6000-level in the Department of Public Policy and Administration. Electives presented by other departments may be taken upon approval of the MPA Graduate Coordinator. Graduate students may take 3000- or 4000-level courses if augmented to reflect graduate credit.

Internship (1-3 units)

Graduate students who do not have two years of supervisory experience in the public or nonprofit sector will be required to take a public or nonprofit sector internship. See the Internship Coordinator for more information.

Master's Paper (3 units)

PPA 6980 Master's Paper - Candidates for the MPA degree must complete a culminating activity in accordance with Title V of the California Administrative Code. The purpose of this activity is to demonstrate competency acquired in the graduate program. This includes mastery of knowledge in the discipline and in the ability to use theory and method in the preparation of an applied research project. Research for the master's paper that involves data from human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research (IRB/HSR). For additional details, see their website <http://www.csub.edu/grasp/ResearchCompliance/IRB/index.html>.

Requirements for Specialization in Health Care Management

Students interested in pursuing a career in health care management may take the MSHCA degree described below or may elect to complete an MPA specialization of at least three courses.

1. Select three of the following six courses:

PPA 5050, PPA 5140, PPA 5360, PPA 6180, PPA 6610, PPA 6620

Or other courses as approved by the graduate program coordinator.

Requirements for Certificate in Nonprofit Management (Graduate Level)

An individual who desires to begin post-baccalaureate study in nonprofit management may apply for a certificate.

Five courses are required for the graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management:

1. PPA 5190, 5200, 5500
2. And at least two of the following:

PPA 4038, PPA 5020, PPA 6610, PPA 6110, PPA 6860.