School of Public Policy and Administration

Program Type: 

Degree Type: 

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):

The School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) proposes a new professional graduate degree program, a Master of Public Policy (MPP). As a well-recognized core degree at research universities across the nation, the program’s objective is to provide advanced analytic and substantive knowledge of public policy to educate professionals for work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors on issues of public concern at all levels, local to global. This interdisciplinary degree will draw from multiple fields of study, including economics, political science, sociology, psychology, education, law, history, and public health. The MPP degree will focus on professional skills in public policy analysis, evaluation, and communication, as a complement to SPPA’s existing professional graduate education in public administration and management (through the Master of Public Administration, MPA- see section 1.2). Classroom learning for the MPP will be supplemented by applied policy research and internship opportunities offered by SPPA, its affiliated programs and centers, and external partners.

List new courses required for the new curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/ minor/ concentrations)?

UAPP709 - Advanced Topics in Economics in Public and Non-Profit Sectors (3cr)

New advanced public economics course to be required for MPP degree students -- would follow UAPP693 - Economics in Public and Non-Profit Sectors

Resolution

WHEREAS, the proposed MPP is a unique interdisciplinary professional graduate course of study that provides advanced analytic and substantive knowledge of public policy to educate professionals for work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors on issues of public concern at all levels, local to global;

WHEREAS, there has been much interest over several years from individuals with diverse backgrounds and interest in pursuing interdisciplinary graduate studies in public policy analysis, evaluation, and communication;

WHEREAS, the School of Public Policy and Administration and its affiliated centers and institutes can provide courses, faculty expertise, community contacts, and professional development opportunities;

WHEREAS, the proposed program contributes to the university’s strategic plan to expand consequential knowledge and support the engaged university; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends approval provisionally, for five years, the establishment of a new graduate program leading to the Master of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2018.

Prospective Curriculum:\*

Policy Foundations

Description

Complete 6 credits of policy foundations:

Courses

UAPP 701 Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 707 Public Policy Analysis (3cr.)

Research Methods and Tools - Required

Description

Complete 18 credits of research methods and tools:

Courses

UAPP 702 Research Methods in Urban and Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 691 Quantitative Analysis in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP 704 Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr.)

UAPP 693 Economics in Public & Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP 709 Advanced Topics in Economics for Public and Non-Profit Sectors

UAPP 684 Performance Management and Program Evaluation (3cr.)

Note: may be waived out of UAPP702, UAPP691, or UAPP693 with equivalent coursework. If so, substitute courses must be approved to reach the required degree credits.

Research Methods and Tools - Optional

Choose one of the following (3cr):

Courses

HLPR 632 Health Science Data Analysis (3cr.)

MAST 672 Benefit-Cost Analysis (3cr.)

PHIL 613 RAISE: Research Ethics (0 to 3cr.)

UAPP 663 Decision Tools for Policy Analysis (3cr.)

UAPP 694 Financial Management in Public & Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP 718 Survey Research Methods (3cr.)

UAPP 755 Evaluation Models and Approaches (3cr.)

UAPP 756 Advanced Seminar in Evaluation (3cr.)

UAPP 761 Conflict Resolution Collab Prob Solving (3cr.)

UAPP 800 Research Methods and Data Analysis (4cr.)

UAPP 808 Qualitative Methods for Program Evaluation (3cr.)

Electives

Title

Each student would design a plan of study in consultation with their assigned faculty advisor, including 9 credits of electives built around the student’s substantive policy interests.

Courses

CIEG 641 Risk Analysis (3cr.)

DISA 650 Overview of Disaster Science and Management (3cr.)

DISA 651 International Comparative Analysis of Disasters (3cr.)

DISA 670 Issues in Disaster Response (3cr.)

DISA 690 Natural Hazards (3cr.)

ECON 820 Economics of Education Policy (3cr.)

EDUC 659 Urban Schools in Urban Landscapes (3cr.)

EDUC 811 Topics in Educational Policy (3cr.)

EDUC 839 Education Policy and Governance (3cr.)

GEOG 630 Food Geographies & Food Justice (3cr.)

HDFS 870 Prevention Interven and Policy (3cr.)

MALS 630 Human Rights and Liberties (3cr.)

SOCI 615 Race, Class and Gender (3cr.)

SOCI 630 Juvenile Justice and Inequality (3cr.)

SOCI 637 Law and Society in Historical Perspective (3cr.)

SOCI 667 SEMINAR (1 to 12cr.)

SOCI 671 Disasters, Vulnerability & Development (3cr.)

SOCI 837 Criminology and Systems of Criminal Justice (3cr.)

UAPP 605 Metropolitan Planning and Governance (3cr.)

UAPP 606 Local Economic Development: Policy and Practice (3cr.)

UAPP 608 Poverty, Neighborhoods and Community Development (3cr.)

UAPP 612 Urban Housing Policy and Administration (3cr.)

UAPP 613 Planning Theory and Urban Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 627 World Heritage Sites (1cr.)

UAPP 639 Community Development Theory, Concepts and Practice (3cr.)

UAPP 640 International Development Policy and Administration (3cr.)

UAPP 649 Civil Rights Law and Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 653 Politics and Healthcare (3cr.)

UAPP 657 Health Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 661 Comparative Public Administration and Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 666 Special Problem (1 to 12cr.)

UAPP 667 SEMINAR (1 to 12cr.)

UAPP 668 Government Budgets and Fiscal Federalism (3cr.)

UAPP 687 State Government Policy and Management (3cr.)

UAPP 703 Urban Society and Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 706 Plan Sustainable Communities & Regions (3cr.)

UAPP 715 Media, Citizenship & Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 724 Comparative Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP 730 Topics in Public Policy (1 to 3cr.)

UAPP 823 Proseminar: Social and Urban Policy (3cr.)

Internship

Description

Complete a non-credit-bearing internship, ideally during the summer between years:

Courses

UNIV 554 Graduate Intership Semester (0cr.)

Note: can be waived for part-time or mid-career applicants.

Capstone

Description

Complete the following capstone experience in the last spring semester (6cr):

Courses

UAPP 714 Policy Studio (3cr.)

We are proposing to increase the maximum allowable credits from 3cr to 6cr for this course- the required curriculum is 6cr.

CIEG - 641 - Risk Analysis (3cr.)

DISA - 650 - Overview of Disaster Science and Management (3cr.)

DISA - 651 - International Comparative Analysis of Disasters (3cr.)

DISA - 670 - Issues in Disaster Response (3cr.)

DISA - 690 - Natural Hazards (3cr.)

ECON - 820 - Economics of Education Policy (3cr.)

EDUC - 659 - Urban Schools in Urban Landscapes (3cr.)

EDUC - 811 - Topics in Educational Policy (3cr.)

EDUC - 839 - Education Policy and Governance (3cr.)

GEOG - 630 - Food Geographies & Food Justice (3cr.)

HDFS - 870 - Prevention Interven and Policy (3cr.)

HLPR - 632 - Health Science Data Analysis (3cr.)

MALS - 630 - Human Rights and Liberties (3cr.)

MAST - 672 - Benefit-Cost Analysis (3cr.)

PHIL - 613 - RAISE: Research Ethics (0 to 3cr.)

SOCI - 615 - Race, Class and Gender (3cr.)

SOCI - 630 - Juvenile Justice and Inequality (3cr.)

SOCI - 637 - Law and Society in Historical Perspective (3cr.)

SOCI - 667 - SEMINAR (1 to 12cr.)

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UAPP - 657 - Health Policy (3cr.)

UAPP - 661 - Comparative Public Administration and Policy (3cr.)

UAPP - 663 - Decision Tools for Policy Analysis (3cr.)

UAPP - 666 - Special Problem (1 to 12cr.)

UAPP - 667 - SEMINAR (1 to 12cr.)

UAPP - 668 - Government Budgets and Fiscal Federalism (3cr.)

UAPP - 684 - Performance Management and Program Evaluation (3cr.)

UAPP - 687 - State Government Policy and Management (3cr.)

UAPP - 691 - Quantitative Analysis in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP - 693 - Economics in Public & Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP - 694 - Financial Management in Public & Nonprofit Sectors (3cr.)

UAPP - 701 - Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP - 702 - Research Methods in Urban and Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP - 703 - Urban Society and Public Policy (3cr.)

UAPP - 704 - Advanced Quantitative Methods (3cr.)

UAPP - 706 - Plan Sustainable Communities & Regions (3cr.)

UAPP - 707 - Public Policy Analysis (3cr.)

UAPP - 709 - Advanced Topics in Economics for Public and Non-Profit Sectors

UAPP - 714 - Policy Studio (3cr.)

UAPP - 715 - Media, Citizenship & Public Policy (3cr.)

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UAPP - 823 - Proseminar: Social and Urban Policy (3cr.)

UNIV - 554 - Graduate Intership Semester (0cr.)