

As an MPA student, you must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of academic work. This consists of 38 hours of required coursework, including a 1-semester-hour pre-professional seminar in public administration and a 3-hour internship (PADM 595) for pre-service students. Students take 12 semester hours of elective credit. At least 21 semester hours (excluding the 3 hours of internship) of graduate level coursework must be taken from courses offered in the School of Management and Marketing. Our program works closely with its advisory board, which is staffed with local, state, federal, and non-profit professionals from around the country. MPA students and faculty meet with the advisory board twice a year to ensure curriculum and extracurricular activities effectively prepare students for careers in public service. All MPA students, *excepting those concentrating in aviation\**, take the following courses for 28 hours of credit. This curriculum reflects NASPAA accreditation requirements. **\*Students concentrating in Aviation Administration take PADM 557: Financial Administration instead of PADM 539: Program Evaluation.**

<i>Course Number and Title</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
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**REQUIRED COURSES FOR ALL SPECIALIZATIONS:**

<b>ALL TRACKS (Basic Requirements Unless Otherwise Stated)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 22.0</b>
<b>PADM 503:</b> Research Methods for Public Administrators	3.0
<b>PADM 540:</b> Seminar in Public Management	3.0
<b>PADM 542:</b> Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management	3.0
<b>PADM 543:</b> Human Resource Management	3.0
<b>PADM 545:</b> Organizational Theory and Behavior	3.0
<b>PADM 546:</b> Leadership in Public Administration	3.0
<b>PADM 594:</b> Pre-professional Seminar in Public Administration	1.0
<b>PADM 595:</b> Internship in Public Affairs <i>(for pre-service students only)</i>	3.0

**REQUIRED COURSES DIFFERING AMONG SPECIALIZATIONS:**

<b>GENERAL TRACK (Additional Requirements)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 6.0</b>
<b>PADM 535:</b> Ethical Foundation of Public Service	3.0
<b>PADM 539:</b> Program Analysis and Evaluation	3.0
<b>AVIATION TRACK (Additional Requirements)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 6.0</b>
<b>PADM 535:</b> Ethical Foundation of Public Service	3.0
<b>PADM 557:</b> Public Financial Administration	3.0
<b>JOINT MPA/JD TRACK (Additional Requirement)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 3.0</b>
<b>PADM 539:</b> Program Analysis and Evaluation	3.0

**ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS AMONG SPECIALIZATIONS:**

<b>GENERAL TRACK (Electives Coursework)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 12.0</b>
<b>12 Elective Credits</b> <i>(from list of available elective courses)</i>	<i>Various</i>
<b>AVIATION TRACK (Electives Coursework)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 15.0</b>
<b>AVM/PADM 551:</b> Aviation Policy, Law and Regulation	3.0
<b>AVM/PADM 552:</b> Advanced Airport Administration	3.0
<b>AVM/PADM 553:</b> Advanced Aviation Safety Administration	3.0
<b>AVM/PADM 554:</b> Aviation Planning	3.0
<b>AVM/PADM 555:</b> International Aviation	3.0
<b>JOINT MPA/JD TRACK (Electives Coursework)</b>	<b>Total Hours: 15.0</b>
<b>15 Elective Credits</b> <i>(from list of available elective courses)</i>	<i>Various</i>