

Some Sample Recommended Course Sequences

Full-time MPA student who has completed the program prerequisites

First semester	Second semester	Third semester	Fourth semester
PAF 501-Rsrch Meth I PAF 503-Public Affairs PAF 504-PA Econ	PAF 502-Rsrch Meth II PAF 505-Pub Pol Anl PAF 507-HR	PAF 506-Budget & Finance PAF 508-Org'l Behavior <i>Elective</i>	PAF 509-Capstone <i>Elective</i> <i>Elective</i>

Take two classes in summer school (or two 4-course semesters).

Full-time MPA student with Nonprofit Administration concentration who has completed the program prerequisites

First semester	Second semester	Third semester	Fourth semester
PAF 501-Rsrch Meth I PAF 503-Public Affairs PAF 504-PA Econ	PAF 502-Rsrch Meth II PAF 505-Pub Pol Anl NLM 510 –NonProf Foundations	PAF 506-Budget & Finance NLM 520-NP Finance PAF 508-Org'l Behavior	PAF 509-Capstone NLM 540-NonProf HR <i>Nonprofit elective</i>

Take two classes in summer school (or two 4-course semesters).

Note: Currently, NLM 510 and 540 are offered in the Fall, and NLM 520 in the Spring; these three courses can be taken in any order relative to each other.

Full-time MPA student who has NOT completed the program prerequisites

1st semester	2nd semester	3rd semester	4th semester	5 th semester
POS 310, or PAF 300, or PAF 340 PAF 401 PAF 504-PA Econ	PAF 501-Rsrch Meth I PAF 503-Public Affairs PAF 505-Pub Pol Anl	PAF 502-Rsrch Meth II PAF 507-HR PAF 508-Org'l Behavior	PAF 506-Budg & Finance <i>Elective</i> <i>Eective</i>	PAF 509-Capstone <i>Elective</i> <i>Elective</i>

Take one class in summer school (or one 4-course semester).

Prerequisites, by MPA Class

Class	Prerequisites for That Class
PAF 501	Satisfaction of the statistics requirement
PAF 502	Satisfaction of the statistics requirement PAF 501
PAF 503	Satisfaction of the American government requirement recommended
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PAF 505	Satisfaction of the statistics requirement PAF 504
PAF 506	PAF 502 PAF 504
PAF 507	Satisfaction of the American government requirement recommended PAF 503 recommended
PAF 508	PAF 503 recommended
PAF 509	Satisfaction of the American government requirement Satisfaction of the statistics requirement PAF 501 PAF 502 PAF 503 PAF 504 PAF 505 PAF 506 PAF 507 PAF 508 Approved Program of Study on File
PAF 511	PAF 504
PAF 540	PAF 505
PAF 541	PAF 501

MPA Prerequisites Met, By Class

Class	Meets Prerequisites For
American National Government (no time limit)	MPA program PAF 503 (recommended) PAF 507 (recommended) PAF 509
Approved Undergraduate Class in Social Statistics, completed no more than 2 years before admission	MPA program PAF 501 PAF 502 PAF 505 PAF 509
PAF 501	PAF 502 PAF 506 PAF 509 PAF 541
PAF 502	PAF 506 PAF 509
PAF 503	PAF 507 (recommended) PAF 509
PAF 504	PAF 505 PAF 506 PAF 511 PAF 509
PAF 505	PAF 509 PAF 540
PAF 506	PAF 509
PAF 507	PAF 509
PAF 508	PAF 509

MPA Admission Criteria

GPA	<p>The Grad College requires a 3.0 for Junior-Senior GPA. If we admit anyone with a GPA lower than 3.0, we must justify the admission.</p> <p>Students can be admitted provisionally—that is, with requirements to take specific courses and achieve specific grades.</p>
GRE Scores	<p>We require GREs—all 3 sections—though we will occasionally accept some other standardized test, such as the MAT or GMAT. We do not usually accept the LSAT as there is no quantitative section.</p> <p>The Grad College does not require GREs, and they cannot be the only reason for acceptance or denial.</p> <p>We do NOT have a set requirement for GRE scores. We consider the entire application, with particular attention to letters and personal statements.</p>
TOEFL scores	<p><u>Applicants are required to have a score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based for regular admission.</u> This is a Graduate College requirement. We note that TOEFL scores reflect ONLY English ability.</p> <p><u>Scores between 530-547 (paper) 197-210 (computer):</u> student may be admitted if record otherwise warrants, but must enroll in one course in the academic unit while completing American English and Culture Program (AECF)</p> <p><u>Scores below 530 (paper) 197 (computer):</u> student may be admitted if record otherwise warrants, but must enroll full time in AECF.</p>

<p>Letters of Recommendation</p>	<p>3 letters of recommendation are required.</p> <p>2 must be from instructors who can evaluate applicant's college-level learning performance. We can make exceptions when students have been out of school for several years (e.g., 6 years or more). We have no set form, but suggest that letters should address attributes likely to contribute to success in graduate school, as well as in the public/non-profit sector.</p>
<p>Goal Statement</p>	<p>One-to-two-page written statement describing academic or personal goals and how the MPA pertains to those goals. Should never exceed 5 pages.</p> <p>Used to assess writing ability and programmatic fit.</p>
<p>Prerequisites</p> <p><i>Please note: even though some of these are prerequisites for specific courses, they are program prerequisites for the entire MPA</i></p>	<p>Statistics Competency in statistics is met with a grade of B or better in PAF 401, POS 401, PSY 230, QBA 221 or SOC 390, or by taking a statistics test offered by the School, both no longer than 2 years before admission. Other courses can be accepted by the MPA Director; this generally requires presentation of a course syllabus.</p> <p>American National Government Students must demonstrate competency in American National Government by taking an undergraduate course in this topic and earning a grade of B or better, by passing the CLEP exam in American Government, or through work experience. POS 310, POS 110, PAF 300, PAF 340 meet this requirement. There is no time limit on this course. The MPA Director can approve other courses.</p> <p>Computer Proficiency We expect that all students have proficiency in computers.</p> <p><i>We often admit students who do not meet the Statistics and American Government prerequisites with the provision that they must complete them within the first semester after admission.</i></p>

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<p>Concentrations</p>	<p>We currently have one concentration which can appear officially on the transcript.</p> <p>Concentration in Nonprofit Administration Requirements are 501-506, 508-509, NLM 540 Volunteer and Human Resources in Nonprofits (in lieu of 507), NLM 510 Philosophical Foundations of Nonprofits, NLM 520 Fiscal Management for Nonprofits, one additional course from a list of 11, and 2 electives. For additional information, see http://spa.asu.edu/Acadprog/mpa.htm#MPAnonprofit</p>
<p>Allied Certificates</p>	<p>We currently have three allied graduate certificate programs</p> <p>Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management For more information, see http://www.asu.edu/copp/nonprofit/edu/nmi_certificate.htm</p> <p>GIS Certificate For more information, see http://www.asu.edu/giscert/</p> <p>Certificate in Transportation Systems For more information, see http://www.asu.edu/caed/transportation/</p> <p>Or there is information on the certificates on the School webpage at http://spa.asu.edu/Acadprog/certificate.htm</p>