

Master of Public Affairs, MPAff

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
42 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^a		
Students must earn a grade of B-minus or higher in all core and concentration area courses and must maintain an overall program GPA of at least 3.00.		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
PBAF:5120 or PBAF:6340	Public Policy Process or Public Policy Analysis	3
PBAF:6208	Program Seminar	1
PBAF:6200	Analytic Methods I	3
PBAF:6205	Economics for Policy Analysis	3
Concentration Area course ^b		3
Hours		13
Spring		
PBAF:6340 or PBAF:5120	Public Policy Analysis or Public Policy Process	3
PBAF:5117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration	3
PBAF:6225	Applied GIS for Planning and Policy Making	1 - 3
PBAF:6233	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PBAF:6240	Public Management	3
Hours		13-15
Second Year		
Fall		
PBAF:6335	Internship ^c	3
Concentration Area course ^b		3
Concentration Area course ^b		3
Hours		9
Spring		
PBAF:6210	Public Affairs Capstone ^d	4
Concentration Area course ^b		3
Concentration Area course ^b		3
Final Exam ^e		
Hours		10
Total Hours		45-47

a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

b Students complete a total of 15 s.h. in consultation with their advisor, with at least 9 s.h. in coursework taken in the public and nonprofit management or public policy concentration area, and 6 s.h. in coursework from any of the two concentration areas or other courses as deemed appropriate. Students in the public policy concentration complete one of the required courses as well as an additional 6 s.h. within the public policy concentration.

c Work with faculty advisor to complete an approved internship with a public agency or nonprofit organization; 240 hours of internship work required under the supervision of a public affairs professional.

d Typically taken in final semester.

e Consists of both oral and written components.