# Master of Public Affairs, MPAff

## 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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<td>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.</td>
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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.

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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.