Master of Public Administration, 2017-2018 Catalog
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MPA Program Faculty:
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See www.csuchico.edu/pols/facultyStaff/index.shtml for biographies of MPA Program faculty.

Requirements and Additional Information:
Please review the university catalog at for the prerequisites for admission to
conditionally classified and classified status, the requirements for advancement to
candidacy, information about the professional paper and thesis plans, the graduate
writing proficiency requirement, graduate grading requirements, the graduate
advising requirement, and the specific requirements for the Master of Public
Administration program. A link to the university catalog description of the program
is available at: http://www.csuchico.edu/pols/graduate/index.shtml.

Core Requirements: 21 Units
POLS 600 American Institutions and Public Organizations
POLS 602 Public Administration and Democracy
POLS 631 Seminar in Research Methods
POLS 660A Seminar in Public Management
POLS 660B Seminar in Public Personnel Administration
POLS 660C Seminar in Administration of Public Financial Resources
POLS 662 Seminar in Organizational Theory in the Public Sector
Electives: 15-18 Units
POLS 601 Seminar in State and Local Government
POLS 652 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health and Human Services
POLS 653 Environmental Policy and the Law
POLS 659 Collaborative Community Management
POLS 661 Seminar in Public Administration
POLS 663 Seminar in Health and Human Services Management
POLS 664 Seminar in Public Policy in Health and Human Services
POLS 665 Economic and Global Finance Issues in Health and Human Services
POLS 666 Mental Health Policy and Administration
POLS 667 Seminar in Administration and Planning
POLS 668 Seminar in Public Policy Formation
POLS 669 Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation
POLS 671 Topics in American Politics
POLS 689 Intern/Fieldwork in Public Administration
POLS 689P MPA Professional Internship
POLS 697 Independent Study

Culminating Activity Requirement: 3-6 Units
Students are required to complete either the professional paper plan (POLS 680 Culminating Practicum) or the thesis plan (POLS 699T Master’s Thesis). Please see the catalog and consult with the MPA coordinator for specific requirements.

The Option in Health Administration

Core Requirements: 21 Units
POLS 600 American Institutions and Public Organizations
POLS 602 Public Administration and Democracy
POLS 631 Seminar in Research Methods
POLS 660A Seminar in Public Management
POLS 660B Seminar in Public Personnel Administration
POLS 660C Seminar in Administration of Public Financial Resources
POLS 662 Seminar in Organizational Theory in the Public Sector

Option Requirements: 15 Units
POLS 652 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health and Human Services
POLS 663 Seminar in Health and Human Services Management
POLS 664 Seminar in Public Policy in Health and Human Services
POLS 665 Economic and Global Finance Issues in Health and Human Services
POLS 666 Mental Health Policy and Administration

One Elective Selected From: 3 Units
POLS 659 Collaborative Community Management
POLS 668 Seminar in Public Policy Formation
POLS 669 Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation
POLS 689 Intern/Fieldwork in Public Administration
POLS 689P  MPA Professional Internship
POLS 697  Independent Study

**Culminating Activity Requirement: 3-6 Units**
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**The Option in Local Government Management**

**Core Requirements: 21 Units**
POLS 600  American Institutions and Public Organizations
POLS 602  Public Administration and Democracy
POLS 631  Seminar in Research Methods
POLS 660A  Seminar in Public Management
POLS 660B  Seminar in Public Personnel Administration
POLS 660C  Seminar in Administration of Public Financial Resources
POLS 662  Seminar in Organizational Theory in the Public Sector

**Option Requirements: 15 Units**
POLS 601  Seminar in State and Local Government
POLS 659  Collaborative Community Management
POLS 667  Seminar in Administration and Planning
POLS 668  Seminar in Public Policy Formation
POLS 669  Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation

**One Elective Selected From: 3 Units**
POLS 653  Environmental Policy and the Law
POLS 663  Seminar in Health and Human Services Management
POLS 664  Seminar in Public Policy in Health and Human Services
POLS 666  Mental Health Policy and Administration
POLS 689  Intern/Fieldwork in Public Administration
POLS 689P  MPA Professional Internship
POLS 697  Independent Study

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