

Master of Public Administration, 2023-2024 Catalog
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See <https://www.csuchico.edu/pols/people/index.shtml> for biographies of MPA Program faculty.

Requirements and Additional Information:

Please review the university catalog at for the prerequisites for admission to classified status, the requirements for advancement to candidacy, information about the professional paper, comprehensive exam, 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:

<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/political-science-criminal-justice/mpa/>

The General MPA Option Core Requirements: 18 Units

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 600	American Institutions and Public Organizations
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 654	Behavioral Health Policy and Administration
POLS 655	Aging Policy
POLS 656	International Public Administration
POLS 657	The Criminal Justice System: Institutions and Public Policy
POLS 658	Criminological Theory
POLS 659	Collaborative Community Management
POLS 661	Seminar in Public Administration
POLS 664	Public Policy in Health and Human Services
POLS 665	Issues in Global Public Health
POLS 667	Administration and Planning
POLS 668	Public Policy Formation
POLS 669	Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation
POLS 671	Topics in American Politics
POLS 672	The U.S. Presidency
POLS 673	The U.S. Congress
POLS 689	Intern/Fieldwork in Public Administration
POLS 689P	MPA Professional Internship
POLS 697	Independent Study

Culminating Activity Requirement: 1-4 Units

Students are required to complete POLS 680A (Research Plan/Culminating Practicum) and either: the professional paper plan (POLS 680B Culminating Practicum) or the comprehensive examination (no course credit). In exceptional cases, the thesis plan (POLS 699T Master's Thesis) is also an option. Please see the catalog and consult with the MPA coordinator for specific requirements.

The Option in Health Administration**Core Requirements: 18 Units**

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 Requirement, Three Courses Selected From: 9 Units

POLS 652	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health and Human Services
POLS 654	Behavioral Health Policy and Administration
POLS 655	Aging Policy
POLS 664	Seminar in Public Policy in Health and Human Services
POLS 665	Issues in Global Public Health

One (or Two) Electives Selected From: 3-6 Units

- POLS 600 American Institutions and Public Organizations
- POLS 601 Seminar in State and Local Government
- POLS 653 Environmental Policy and the Law
- POLS 656 International Public Administration
- POLS 657 The Criminal Justice System: Institutions and Public Policy
- POLS 658 Criminological Theory
- POLS 659 Collaborative Community Management
- POLS 661 Seminar in Public Administration
- POLS 667 Administration and Planning
- POLS 668 Public Policy Formation
- POLS 669 Public and Non-Profit Program Evaluation
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- POLS 673 The U.S. Congress
- POLS 689 Intern/Fieldwork in Public Administration
- POLS 689P MPA Professional Internship
- POLS 697 Independent Study

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The Option in Criminal Justice

Core Requirements: 18 Units

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- 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 Requirement #1: 6 Required Units

- POLS 657 The Criminal Justice System: Institutions and Public Policy
- POLS 658 Criminological Theory

Options Requirement #2, One Course Selected From: 3 Units

- POLS 476 Police Administration and Management
- POLS 651 Judicial Politics
- POLS 654 Behavioral Health Policy and Administration

One (or Two) Electives Selected From: 3-6 Units

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POLS 601	Seminar in State and Local Government
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POLS 656	International Public Administration
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