

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ PUBLIC HEALTH, MPA/MPH

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Introduction

The University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs and the Colorado School of Public Health jointly sponsor the Dual Master of Public Administration/Master of Public Health, enabling students to take core and elective courses of both programs to simultaneously count toward both programs.

Admission

Students interested in pursuing the dual-degree program must apply to and be admitted to each of the programs. Students admitted to one program may choose to apply to the other program at a later date. Learn more (<https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/prospective-and-admitted-students/admission/#ac-master-of-public-administration-3>) about how to apply to the Master of Public Administration portion of the dual degree.

Program Delivery

- Courses are offered on campus, online, and in remote and hybrid formats.

Program Requirements

- Students are required to take 20 courses, or 60 semester hours, to complete the dual degree.
- Students without pre-service experience in the government or nonprofit sectors will also be required to take a 3-credit internship course, bringing the total number of semester hours to 63.
- Students must earn a minimum B- grade in each required course applied to satisfy degree requirements and must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- No more than 6 semester hours of Independent Study may be applied toward the degree.
- For more detailed information about course sequencing and requirements, contact your advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Required MPA Core Courses		
PUAD 5001	Introduction to Public Administration and Public Service	3
PUAD 5002	Organizational Management and Behavior	3
PUAD 5003	Research and Analytic Methods	3
PUAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	3
or PUAD 5503	Public Budgeting and Finance	
PUAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	3
PUAD 5006	Public Service Leadership and Ethics	3
PUAD 5008	Evidence-Based Decision-Making (pre-req PUAD 5003)	3
Required MPH Core Courses		
BIOS 6601	Applied Biostatistics I	3
EPID 6630	Epidemiology	3
EHOH 6614	Occupational and Environmental Health	3
CBHS 6610	Social and Behavioral Factors and Health	3

HSMP 6601	Introduction to HSMP	3
PUBH 6600	Foundations in Public Health	2
Required MPA Electives		6
Select two Public Administration elective courses at the 5000-level or above from an approved list.		
Required MPH Electives		12
Consult with advisor on approved electives.		
Internship		3
PUAD 6910	Internship ¹	
MPH Practicum		2
PUBH 6606	MPH Practicum	
MPH Capstone		2
BIOS 6990	MPH Capstone Preparation - BIOS	
PUBH 6991	MPH Capstone Integration	
Total Hours		63

¹ Students who have not had at least one year of professional work experience in the public or nonprofit sectors must complete PUAD 6910 Internship, bringing the total number of credits to complete the dual-degree program to 63.

² The MPH Capstone at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus is presented in a two-semester sequence, with each course totaling 1 semester hour, for a total of 2 semester hours.