

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING, MPA/MURP

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Introduction

Public administration and urban and regional planning have many aspects in common. To provide students with an excellent education through an understanding of both professions, the School of Public Affairs and the College of Architecture and Planning have developed the Dual Master of Public Administration/Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree, requiring a minimum of 66 semester hours, as compared to a total of 87 semester hours to complete both degrees independently.

Admission

Students interested in pursuing the dual-degree program must apply to and be admitted to each of the programs before completing 18 hours in their respective programs. 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 66 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 69.
- 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 |
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| Required Core MURP Courses | | |
| URPL 5000 | Planning History and Theory | 3 |
| URPL 5020 | Planning Law and Institutions | 3 |
| URPL 5030 | Planning Technologies | 3 |
| URPL 5040 | Urban Sustainability | 3 |
| URPL 5050 | Urban Development | 3 |
| URPL 5060 | Planning Workshop | 3 |
| URPL 5070 | Planning Practice & Engagement | 3 |
| URPL 6000 | Planning Project Studio | 6 |
| Required Core MPA Courses | | |
| PUAD 5001 | Introduction to Public Administration and Public Service | 3 |

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| PUAD 5002 | Organizational Management and Behavior | 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 | 3 |
| Required Additional Courses | | 18 |
| Take one of the two courses below: | | |
| PUAD 5003 | Research and Analytic Methods | |
| URPL 5010 | Planning Methods | |
| If PUAD 5003 is selected, then students must complete one PUAD elective course from the list below and four MURP elective courses at the 5000-level or above. | | |
| If URPL 5010 is selected, then students must complete two PUAD elective courses from the list below and three MURP elective courses at the 5000-level or above. | | |
| <i>Elective MPA Courses</i> | | |
| PUAD 5250 | Intergovernmental Management | |
| PUAD 5410 | Administrative Law | |
| PUAD 5440 | Negotiation and Conflict Resolution | |
| PUAD 5502 | Public Financial Management and Policy | |
| PUAD 5503 | Public Budgeting and Finance | |
| PUAD 5540 | Organization Development | |
| PUAD 5625 | Local Government Management | |
| PUAD 5626 | Local Government Politics and Policy | |
| PUAD 5631 | Seminar in Environmental Politics and Policy | |
| PUAD 5632 | Seminar in Environmental Management | |
| Internship | | 3 |
| PUAD 6910 | Internship ¹ | |
| Capstone | | 3 |
| PUAD 5361 | MPA Capstone Seminar | |
| Total Hours | | 69 |

¹ Students without pre-service experience in the government or nonprofit sectors will also be required to take the 3-credit PUAD 6910 Internship course, bringing the total number of semester hours to 69.