

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
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

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.