

	<i>Units</i>
Core Program	15
Thesis or Project	6
Electives from approved list of extra-departmental courses	9
Total	30

Plan C. Students declaring their intention to pursue careers outside political science.

	<i>Units</i>
Core Program	15
Thesis, project, or 6 additional units of coursework in political science	6
Electives from approved list of extra-departmental courses	9
Comprehensive written examination if 6 additional units in political science are chosen	
Total	30

Plan D. Students declaring their intention to pursue a career in the United States Foreign Service.

	<i>Units</i>
Core Program	15
Thesis, project, or 6 units of electives in political science drawn from the International Relations and/or Comparative Government series	6
Electives from approved list of extra-departmental courses	9
Comprehensive written examination if 6 additional units in political science are chosen	
Total	30

Note: At least 21 of the 30 required units must be taken at the graduate, 200-series level.

Graduate Program in Public Administration

The Graduate Public Administration Program offers a multidiscipline Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree. The M.P.A. Program is built on the belief that effective leadership of public agencies requires a basic set of abilities and public values irrespective of the particular characteristics of the agency.

Consistent with this belief, all students in the program complete a common core program of 18 units within the 36 units required for the M.P.A. In consultation with

their advisers, students will select the remaining 18 units from graduate public administration courses and courses offered by other departments and programs. These 18 units can be used to further develop a general competence in public administration or to provide students with a specialization suitable to public administration. To finish the program students may elect to write a thesis or to take a comprehensive examination. The entire program can be completed by taking courses at night and on weekends.

The curriculum of the program follows the guidelines established by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and was designed following consultation with over a dozen senior public administrators in the Fresno area. Consistent with the NASPAA guidelines, the program seeks to prepare administrative specialists who understand the place and role of public agencies and their staffs in the political, social, and economic systems of the United States; who have the analytic tools, both quantitative and qualitative, to diagnose problems and analyze alternative courses of public action; who have the leadership abilities to develop and make effective use of the talents and abilities of agency staffs; who have the abilities required to formulate, implement, and evaluate public policies which are responsible and effective; and who are able to manage an agency in such a way as to make responsible and efficient use of its resources now and in the future.

Master of Public Administration Degree Requirements

	<i>Units</i>
Core	18
GPA 120G, 200, 210, 240, 241, 260	
Subcore	3-12
GPA 225 or MBA 221, GPA 230, 250, 280T, MBA 240	
Approved electives or additional subcore	3 or more
Practitioner's Seminars	0-6
GPA 289T	
Thesis or comprehensive examination	0-3
Minimum Total	36

All students must take 18 core units, and either six subcore units or three subcore units and three units of GPA 289T. The

remaining 12 units may be used to take additional subcore courses, additional GPA 289T, approved electives, or a combination of subcore, GPA 289T, and electives. Elective courses may be used to fulfill a specialization appropriate to public administration. The courses to be used for the specialization are to be chosen in consultation with the student's adviser and must be approved by the M.P.A. program director.

In considering specialization or elective courses the following regularly offered courses can be considered by appropriately prepared M.P.A. candidates: CRIM 203, 252, 255; H S 210, 213; NURS 226, 240; PL SI 210, 240, 250; S WRK 200, 203, 244, 246, 247; and COMM 268. Consult adviser for numerous other specialization and elective courses potentially suitable for M.P.A. candidates.

Admission. Applicants may qualify for admission to the program and thereby take program courses by achieving classified graduate standing. Classified standing requires:

1. An acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association;
2. Good standing at the last college attended;
3. Submission to the university of transcripts of college work; scores from the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT); a written statement indicating why the applicant wishes to pursue an M.P.A. degree; and, if any, evidence of work performance in a public or nonprofit agency (see 4d); and
4. Recommendation for admission by the Admissions Committee of the Graduate Public Administration Program. Candidates will be recommended on the basis of the promise they show for successfully completing the program and achieving a successful career in public management and administration. Candidates will be evaluated using a combination of:
 - a. grade point average (those with averages of less than 2.75 overall or 3.0 on the last 60 semester units attempted must have compensating strength in other areas)
 - b. aptitude for academic work (those with scores of less than 475 on either