

USC SCHOOL	Sol Price School of Public Policy
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Department of Governance and Management
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Public Administration
POST CODE	1105
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

Earn your MPA at USC Price and become a part of a collaborative program that will enable you to manage complex organizations and serve the public good, at home and abroad.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Open to all majors.

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	Price Undergraduate Students may waive up to 12 units	
	Other Majors may waive up to 8 units	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
PPD 540	Fundamentals of Public Administration	4
PPD 545	Public and Nonprofit Organizational Behavior	4
PPDE 505	Professional Workshop in Public Administration	2
PPD 504	Essential Statistics for Public Management	2
PPD 503	Economics for Public Policy	4
PPD 546	Capstone in Public Administration	4
PPD 543	Internship Seminar	1
Management- Choose one from PPD 672, PPD 673 or PPDE 648	PPD 672 Collaborative Governance, PPD 673 Strategic Planning in the Public Sector, or PPDE 648 Performance Management	4
Analytic- Choose one from PPD 542, PPD 554, PPD 557 or PPD 558	PPD 542 Policy and Program Evaluation, PPD 554 Foundations of Policy Analysis, PPD 557 Modeling and Operations Research, or PPD 558 Multivariate Statistical Analysis	4
PPD 541 or PPDE 645	PPD 541 Public Financial Management and Budgeting or PPDE 645 Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

2	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

40-41	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8-12	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
28-33	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

MPA students are classified as pre-service or in-service students at the time of admission. Pre-service students (those with fewer than 25 months employment in a professional level position) are required to complete at least 300 hours of an internship and an internship seminar (PPD 543).

Pre-service students will be required to enroll in PPD 543- Internship Seminar.

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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean

Date Approved

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs

Authorizing Dean's Title