SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

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OVERVIEW OF M.P.P. AND PH.D. CURRICULA

CURRICULUM GOALS

To provide students with:

- the logic of policy analytic thinking

- the ability to comprehend and make use of relevant social science research, theories, and concepts

- an understanding of research methodology and quantitative and qualitative research techniques

- the ability to appropriately and effectively use these techniques in policy research and analysis

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS: I

Core Course	Name	Taught	MPP	PhD
PUBL 600	Research Methodology	Fall/Spring	✓	✓
PUBL 603	Theory & Practice of Policy Analysis	Fall/Spring	✓	✓
PUBL 604	Statistical Analysis	Fall/Spring	✓	✓
PUBL 613	Managing Public Organizations	Fall/Spring	✓	
PUBL 623	Governmental Budgeting	Spring	✓	
PUBL 699	Policy Analysis Paper (1 credit)	Fall/Spg/Sum	✓	
Two additional methods/statistics courses		Fall/Spring		✓
PUBL 609	Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Prep	Spring		✓

✓ -- required

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS: II

Disciplinary Foundations	Taught	MPP	PhD
ECON 600	Fall	√	√
PUBL 601	Fall/Spring	√	√
SOCY 606	Spring/Summer	√	√

Specialization Courses

12 Credits/4 courses – MPP (Non-Thesis)

21 Credits/7 courses – PhD (15credits/5courses required in concentration and 6 credits/2 courses elective credits)

18 Credits Dissertation Research (PUBL 899)

CURRICULUM COURSES: III

- MPP Students
  - An appropriate statistics/ methodology/ analytic course must be taken as one of the 4 track courses.
  - MPP students are encouraged to take an additional relevant economics course (e.g., Health Economics for health track students) as one of their track courses.

- Ph.D. Students
  - Ph.D. students (except those in a disciplinary track) *must* take at least one relevant economics course as part of their five track courses or two electives.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- MPP
  - Policy Analysis Paper (PUBL 699) *or* Master's Thesis (rarely used)
  - Internship (PUBL 697; "pre-service" students only)
- Ph.D.
  - Dissertation (including at least 18 credits of 899 Doctoral Dissertation Research)
- More detail in breakout sessions

IDEAL COURSE SEQUENCING

Included in the Guidebook for both MPP and PhD

POLICY SPECIALIZATIONS: I

- Education Policy
- Emergency Services (Fall 2017, Ph.D. only)
- Environmental Policy (Fall 2017, MPP only)
- Evaluation and Analytical Methods

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POLICY SPECIALIZATIONS: II

- Health Policy

- Public Management

- Urban Policy

DISCIPLINARY CONCENTRATIONS

- Economics (MPP and Ph.D.), but see ECPA for master's

- Policy History (Ph.D. only)

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Break Out Sessions

- Ph.D. Students – Prof. Nancy Miller, Sam Rowe (Ph.D. '16) and Elysse Grossman (MPP '08, Ph.D. '14)

- MPP Students – Prof. Tim Brennan, Sally Helms, Steve Sharkey (MPP '06) and Kiki Malomo-Paris (MPP '15)