MPA Program
Starting Fall, 2017
36 Credits (for mid-career students who have their internship waived)
39 Credits (for students who must complete the internship).

MPA Core (24 credits)
Methods/Assessment (take 1 course for 3 credits)
POLS 6622 Advanced Topics in Research (Qualitative / Quantitative Methods)
POLS 5519 Political Science Research Methods/POLS 5519L Political Science Research Methods Lab
POLS 6623 Program Assessment

Organizations, Management, and Analysis (take 2 courses for 6 credits)
POLS 5551 Public Organizational Theory
POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5554 Public Workplace Issues

Public Finance, Budgeting & Planning (take 2 course for 6 credits)
POLS 5552 Public Budgeting and Finance
POLS 5509 Community Planning

Administrative Overview (take 2 courses for 6 credits)
POLS 5505 Democracy and Governance
POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics

Capstone (take 1 class, 3 credits)
POLS 6680 Capstone in Public Administration

Specialized Area #1: State, Local, and Non-Profit Administration (Take 4 courses)
POLS 5567 State and Local Administration (required)
POLS 5505 Democracy and Governance
POLS 5506 Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 5508 Urban Spaces
POLS 5509 Community & Regional Planning
POLS 5541 Administrative Law
POLS 5552 Financial Administration and Budgeting
POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5554 Public Workplace Issues
POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics
POLS 5566 Public Lands Policy
POLS 5578 Federal Indian Law
POLS 5579 Tribal Governments
POLS 6612 Seminar in State & Local Government
POLS 6616 Seminar in Public Policy and Administration
POLS 6623 Program Assessment
POLS 5557 Grant Writing

Outside Courses (Only 2 Permitted)
COMM 5541 Interpersonal Communication
COMM 5552 Conflict Management
COMM 5554 Management Communication
ECON 5533 Economic Development
ECON 5539 State & Local Finance
ENGL 6607 Advanced Professional Writing
HIST 5589 GIS for Social Sciences
SOC 5566 Sociology of Community
SOC 5567 Community Networking
SOC 6615 Social Institutions

Specialized Area #2: Environmental Administration (Take 4 courses)
POLS 5555 Environmental Politics & Policy (required)
POLS 6606 Environmental Law and Regulation
POLS 5505 Democracy and Governance
POLS 5506 Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 5508 Urban Spaces
POLS 5509 Community and Regional Planning
POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics
POLS 5566 Public Lands Policy
POLS 6606 Environmental Law and Regulation
POLS 6623 Program Assessment
POLS 5557 Grant Writing

Outside Courses (Only 1 Permitted)
COMM 5541 Interpersonal Communication
COMM 5552 Conflict Management
ENGL 6607 Advanced Professional Writing
HIST 5589 GIS for Social Sciences

Specialized Area #3: Public Health Administration (Take 4 courses)
MPH 6609 Seminar in Public and Community Health (required)
PHL 6600 Ethics in Health Care
POLS 5505 Democracy and Governance
POLS 5506 Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 5509 Community Planning
POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics
POLS 6623 Program Assessment
POLS 5557 Grant Writing

Specialized Area #4 Criminology (Take 4 courses)
SOC 5531 Criminology (required)
SOC 5592 Topics in Criminal Justice
SOC 5536 Elite Deviance and Crime
SOC 5538 Sexual Crimes
POLS 5542 Constitutional Law
POLS 5543 Civil Rights and Liberties
POLS 5557 Grant Writing

Internship (3 Credits - waived for mid-career)