

## Master of Public Policy - Plan of Study Grid

The Plan of Study Grid provides an overview of the two-year MPP curriculum and degree requirements. The required core courses must be taken in sequence. Students are required to take a minimum of 80 units to complete the MPP degree. In addition to the core requirements, students select elective or concentration courses. The elective courses must be policy related. A minimum of three courses in a related substantive area are required for a concentration. Students may take elective courses in the Department, the Luskin School, other UCLA graduate programs, exchange program institutions or approved host institutions (and may include one undergraduate course as explained below). Concentrations are optional, and students can create their own concentration with faculty advisor consultation. The School offers a certificate program in [Global Public Affairs \(GPA\)](#) and the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability (IoES) offers the [Leaders in Sustainability Certificate](#). Certificate program courses count as electives toward the MPP degree. Any changes to the required courses on the Plan of Study are considered via petition only to the Department of Public Policy. Exceptions are made on a case by case basis. (*Instructions on reverse.*)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UID # \_\_\_\_\_

FALL - YEAR 1	UNITS	WINTER - YEAR 1	UNITS	SPRING - YEAR 1	UNITS
PUB PLC 201: Principles of Microeconomic Theory I or PUB PLC M201A: Microeconomic Analysis for Public Health and Policy	4	PUB PLC 202: American Political Institutions & Processes	4	PUB PLC 206: Political Economy of Policy Adoption and Implementation	4
PUB PLC 203: Statistical Methods of Policy Analysis I	4	PUB PLC 204: Principles of Microeconomic Theory II or PUB PLC M204A: Microeconomic Analysis for Public Health and Policy	4	PUB PLC 210: Methods of Policy Analysis	4
Elective	4	PUB PLC 208: Statistical Methods of Policy Analysis II	4	Elective	4
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Total Units Planned	12	Total Units Planned	12	Total Units Planned	16
FALL - YEAR 2	UNITS	WINTER - YEAR 2	UNITS	SPRING - YEAR 2	UNITS
PUB PLC 209: Management in the 21st Century	4	PUB PLC 298B: Applied Policy Project II (IP)	4	PUB PLC 298C: Applied Policy Project III	2
PUB PLC 298A: Applied Policy Project I	2	Elective	4	PUB PLC 298D: Applied Policy Project IV	2
Elective	4	Elective	4	PUB PLC 496 Internship	4
Elective	4	Elective	2	Elective	4
Total Units Planned	14	Total Units Planned	14	Total Units Planned	12

Faculty Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Program Course Requirements (46 units / 13 courses)**

The MPP program consists of thirteen required courses (46 units) which must be taken in sequence as indicated on the Plan of Study. The remaining nine courses (34 units) are policy-related electives. Students may use electives to build analytic skills through research methods, advanced statistics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, applied GIS, etc., courses. Students may also take courses in related substantive areas. Concentrations are optional.

Students enroll in PUB PLC 496 (4 units) internship course during the second year of the MPP program in quarter they complete their hours of fieldwork.

To meet program requirements, students must complete 80 graduate units with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Students must earn a letter grade of C or better to apply coursework towards the degree.

## **Electives / Areas of Concentration (34 units / 9 courses)**

Traditionally, MPP students have taken courses in the following areas of concentration.

- Education Policy
- Employment and Labor Policy
- Environmental and Natural Resource Policy
- Health Policy
- International Policy
- Nonprofit Policy
- Regional Development Policy
- Social Policy
- Transportation Policy
- Urban Policy
- Urban Poverty

A minimum of three related courses are required for a concentration. In consultation with their faculty advisor, students may design a concentration from courses offered within the Luskin School of Public Affairs or by other UCLA departments.

**Please Note:** In creating a concentration/s, students must meet the prerequisites of the proposed concentration courses. These courses must be graduate level courses offered at UCLA, exchange program institutions, or approved host institutions. Most graduate courses are offered only once a year. So it is critical to project the plan of study to make sure that students can complete the requirements within the proposed two-year time frame.

To be applied towards degree requirements, electives must be graduate level courses (but see below) and relevant to the public policy curriculum. Courses must be taken for a letter grade if S/U or P/NP is given. Students must earn a letter grade of C or better to apply coursework towards the degree.

Students have the option to apply **one** upper-division undergraduate course (UCLA numbered 100 to 199) toward the required 80 MPP degree units. This is permitted only when similar course content is not offered at the graduate level.