

**College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2018**

POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY

1. Make the following changes to the **Master of Public Administration**:

~~The Martin School and the Department of Political Science at the University of Idaho offers the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree for students interested in careers in the governance and management of local governments and communities. Students can expect to leave the program with intellectual and analytical skills, and the practical experience needed to enhance their ability to serve local governments and communities. The program is public service oriented, and is delivered in partnership with communities in Idaho and Washington.~~

~~Practitioner involvement in this program provides students with a more relevant and practical education than that found in more traditional programs. Academic faculty members work closely with local government professionals to deliver courses and professional development opportunities. In addition to internships, all students are required to complete a practicum designed to deliver the skills needed in professional communication and employment.~~

~~The program requires 36 hours of coursework and offers two tracks. The internship track is designed for students who have little or no public administration experience while the in-service track is designed for working professionals who seek to strengthen their leadership skills. Internship track students complete a 3 to 6 hour internship to gain hands on experience in the governance of local government and communities. In-service students must complete 3 hours of POLS 559 Field Based Research in lieu of the internship.~~

~~Both tracks share a core curriculum of 18 hours:~~

POLS 555	Seminar in Administrative Theory	3 cr
POLS 558	Research Methods for Local Government and Community Administration	3 cr
POLS 560	Seminar in Public Administration Professional Practice	3 cr
POLS 572	Local Government Politics and Administration	3 cr
POLS 575	Public Personnel Administration	3 cr

~~POLS 560: 3 credits taken, 1 credit per semester.~~

~~Students will then develop their specific interests in local government by choosing 12 to 15 hours of elective courses in consultation with and approval of their advisor. These courses~~

~~may be chosen in alignment with the bioregional planning and community design graduate program, or other UI graduate programs.~~

~~Although no specific undergraduate preparation is required for the MPA, applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and GRE General Test Scores that are no more than five years old. Three letters of recommendation are also required. Students with a lower GPA may, on occasion, be admitted provisionally.~~

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Practitioner involvement in this program provides students with a more relevant and practical education than that found in more traditional programs. Academic faculty members work closely with local government professionals to deliver courses and professional development opportunities.

The program requires 36 hours of coursework, which includes an 18-hour core:

PolS 555	Public Administration Theory	(3 cr)
PolS 557	Governmental Budgeting	(3 cr)
PolS 565	Local Government Law	(3 cr)
PolS 572	Local Government Politics and Administration	(3 cr)
PolS 575	Public Personnel Administration	(3 cr)
PolS 558	Research Methods for Local Government and Community Administration	(3 cr)

Students develop their specific interests in local government by choosing 12 to 15 hours of elective courses in consultation with and approval of their advisor. These courses may be chosen in alignment with the bioregional planning and community design graduate program or other UI graduate programs. Students must also complete a final comprehensive examination.

Students with little or no public administration experience are required to complete a 3 to 6-hour internship to gain hands-on experience in the governance of local governments and communities. In-service students must complete 3 hours of PolS 559 Field Based Research in lieu of the internship.

The MPA program is available in both the traditional on-campus and on-line formats. Though no specific undergraduate preparation is required for the MPA, applicants must have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and three letters of recommendation.

The MPA is also offered with the University of Idaho College of Law through a joint JD/MPA program. JD/MPA applicants must meet all the requirements for admission to the College of Law; applicants must apply to both the College of Law and the College of Graduate Studies for admission into the JD/MPA program.

Available via distance: 100% of curricular requirements can be completed via distance

Geographical Area: Moscow, Boise, Other

Rationale: Some of the wording needed to be changed in this program description because: 1) we are adjusting the core requirements to enhance our focus on local government (adding POLS 565 Local Government Law); 2) the name of the department has changed from the Martin School to the Department of Politics and Philosophy; 3) the MPA program is now available on-line; and 4) we created a joint JD/MPA program in consultation with leadership from the College of Law and the College of Graduate Studies.

PSYCHOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

1. Add the following courses:

Comm 150 Online Oral Communication (3 cr)

This course provides the skills, techniques, and knowledge needed to engage in effective oral communication in online contexts.

Available via distance: Yes

Geographical Area: Moscow, Online

Rationale: In the modern era, we encounter public communication through online channels. This course is an introduction to the best practices for online public communication and the communication theories that explain and guide those practices. By studying the foundations of spoken communication, including the principles of delivery and persuasion, this course will empower students to more effectively evaluate, create, and distribute public discourse in online contexts.

This course will allow students to complete their Oral Communication General Education requirement online as well as learning best practices of oral presentation skills that are needed in the online environment.

This course will be part of our regular rotation of courses, so it will not increase faculty workload.

Comm 453 Communication Theory (3 cr)

A survey of established theories and theoretical traditions in the Communication discipline, with an emphasis on understanding how theory is developed and applied to solve real world problems.

Prereq: Communication major, Junior standing

Available via distance: Yes

Geographical Area: Moscow, Online

Rationale: This course will enable upper-division communication majors to synthesize theoretical information presented in various lower-division communication courses into a comprehensive theoretical framework that will prepare them to engage in empirical communication inquiry.

This course will be part of our regular rotation of courses, so it will not increase faculty workload.