IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science
MPA Requirements

I. Core Courses

All students must take 27 credit hours of core area courses. Students must choose nine courses from this list, one of which is POLS 6680 Capstone in Public Administration.

- POLS 5505 The Administrative Process
- POLS 5541 Administrative Law
- POLS 5551 Organizational and Bureaucratic Theory
- POLS 5552 Financial Administration and Budgeting
- POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
- POLS 5554 Public Personnel Administration
- POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics
- POLS 6622 Public Administration Research Methods
- POLS 6623 Program Assessment
- POLS 6680 Capstone in Public Administration

POLS 5519 Research Methods for Political Science may be substituted for POLS 6622 if needed.

II. Specialized Areas

All students must take 12 credit hours in a specialized areas listed below. Courses that are used to fulfill a core requirement cannot also be counted as specialized courses. (Students should follow instructions under each specialized area).

Specialized Area #1: State, Local, and Non-Profit Administration

Required Course:
- POLS 5567 State and Local Public Administration

POLS 5505 Administrative Process
POLS 5506 Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 5509 Community & Regional Planning
POLS 5541 Administrative Law
POLS 5552 Financial Administration and Budgeting
POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5554 Public Personnel Administration
POLS 5567 State and Local Administration
POLS 5568 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

The following courses outside the Political Science department may be used to meet the
course requirement for the state, local, and non-profit administration concentration. No more than two course may be used to meet the requirement.

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.

Required courses:
POLS 5555 Politics of Environmental Problems
POLS 5566 Public Lands Policy
or
POLS 6606 Environmental Law and Regulation

Choose two courses:
POLS 5505  Administrative Process
POLS 5506  Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 5509  Community and Regional Planning
POLS 5533  Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5553  Public Administration Ethics
POLS 5566  Public Lands Policy
POLS 6606  Environmental Law and Regulation
POLS 6623  Program Assessment

The following courses outside the Political Science department may be used to meet the course requirement for the environmental administration concentration. No more than one course may be used to meet the requirement.

COMM 5541  Interpersonal Communication
COMM 5552  Conflict Management
ENGL 6607  Advanced Professional Writing
HIST 5589  GIS for Social Sciences

Appropriate science course may be substituted with consent of the Master of Public Administration program director.

Specialized Area #3: Public Health Administration

Required course:
MPH 6609 Seminar in Public and Community Health

Choose three courses:
PHL 6600 Ethics in Health Care (This course is strongly recommended)
POLS 5505  Administrative Process
POLS 5553  Public Policy Analysis
Appropriate science course may be substituted with consent of the Master of Public Administration program director.

III. Public Administration Internship

Each student must complete at least 3 but no more than 9 credit hours of an approved internship. Three credit hours of internship are equal to 200 hours of work as an intern. The internship requirement may be waived for students who have substantial professional work experience in public service of the not-for-profit sector. The MPA director will determine if a student’s experience is substantial and be allowed to waive the internship requirement.