

Program: Public Administration **Dept:** Political Science
Major: Public & Nonprofit Management **College:** Liberal Arts
Degree: Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) **Major Code:** 5682

Public Administration–Public & Nonprofit Management, M.P.A. - Available Online

As the flagship public service program for Oklahoma’s metropolitan university, the University of Central Oklahoma MPA serves diverse communities by preparing ethical, transformational leaders who creatively and analytically inform public dialogue and manage policy through collaborative action by preparing graduates for careers in government, nonprofit organizations, and other public service fields. The program’s public service values are professionalism, ethical leadership, diverse and global perspectives, and social and environmental justice.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - GRE scores. The student must obtain a score of 150 on the Verbal portion of the GRE, 145 on the Quantitative portion of the GRE, and 4.5 on the Writing portion of the GRE.
 - Possess a master’s degree from an accredited university/college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor’s and master’s degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.199](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as “senior” standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year.)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student’s undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of

Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a plan of study with his/her program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of “C”.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours of independent study courses.
- Course Completion. Completion of 36 hours: 21 hours of core courses including three hours of capstone paper, nine hours selected from guided electives and six hours of general electives.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....24 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5053	Public Administration Dynamics
POL	5193	Public Finance and Budgeting
POL	5203	Public Organizational Theory
POL	5413	Public Policy Analysis
POL	5423	Public Executive Leadership
POL	5473	Public Sector Human Resources
POL	5983	Capstone Paper

Guided Electives.....12 Hours

(Courses offered on a rotating basis)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GEO	5113	Geographic Information Systems
POL	5013	Urban History of Policy/Admin
POL	5043	Municipal Management
POL	5073	Animals in Public Policy and Law
POL	5123	Budgeting for Cities & States
POL	5133	Problems - State & Urban Government
POL	5153	American Politics

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POL	5163	Intergovernmental Relations
POL	5173	Urban Planning and Politics
POL	5353	Ethics in the Public Service
POL	5363	Urban Sustainability
POL	5383	Fund of Emergency Management
POL	5433	Diversity and Social Justice
POL	5443	Environmental Politics
POL	5453	Cases in Public Administration
POL	5463	Managing Nonprofit Organizations
POL	5483	Administrative Law
POL	5513	Public Program Evaluation
POL	5523	Urban Housing Policy
POL	5533	Dispute Resolution/Negotiation
POL	5543	State Administration and Policy
POL	5563	Sustainable Economic Development
POL	5583	Comparative Public Administration
POL	5593	Gender in Public Administration
POL	5683	Populations at Risk
POL	5783	Health Policy & Administration
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises
POL	5893	State Government Administration and Policy

The following may also be considered when fulfilling guided electives:

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5900	Practicum in Political Science
POL	5910	Seminar/Special Topics
POL	5920	Workshop
POL	5930	Individual Study in Government
POL	5940	Field Study
POL	5950	Internship
POL	5960	Institute in Political Science
POL	5970	Study Tour

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: BA to MPA

Students wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MA program in Criminal Justice may enroll in three Criminal Justice graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course with permission of the Criminal Justice Graduate program Director. Admission requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and application to and approval of the CJ Accelerated BA/MA Committee. Students may enroll in three. 5000-level courses as part of the Accelerated Program.