

**Program:** Public Administration **Dept:** Political Science  
**Major:** Urban Management **College:** Liberal Arts  
**Degree:** Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) **Major Code:** 5681

**Public Administration–Urban 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/](http://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 \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

*\*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.196](#)).

- 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 nine 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	5803	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	5123	Budgeting for Cities and States
POL	5133	Problems - State and Urban Government
POL	5163	Intergovernmental Relations
POL	5173	Urban Planning and Politics
POL	5363	Urban Sustainability
POL	5383	Fundamentals of Emergency Management
POL	5433	Diversity and Social Justice
POL	5443	Environmental Politics
POL	5523	Urban Housing Policy
POL	5563	Sustainable Economic Development
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises

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Other MPA courses may fulfill guided electives with approval by the Graduate Program Advisor.

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..... 36 HOURS**

**Accelerated Degree Pathway: B.A. to M.A.**

Students in the B.A. Political Science - Political Science or Political Science - Public Service programs wishing to apply for the Accelerated BA/MPA program in Urban Management may enroll in three Public Administration graduate-level courses as seniors under the Graduate College's Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) program. Students may choose any cross-listed (4000/5000) course or 5000-level course with permission of the Graduate Advisor for Political Science. Admission to the program requires a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and application to and approval of the Graduate Advisor for Political Science.