



[The School of Public Administration](#)

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## Curriculum

MPA students must complete a minimum of 42 credit hours for the degree that includes five components:

- Concentration (15 credit hours)
- Elective (3 credit hours)
- Designing Applied Research (3 credit hours; this class is for those selecting the professional paper option)
- [Professional Paper](#) (3 credit hours) or Thesis (6 credit hours)

Before enrolling in other Public Administration courses, each student is required to complete the following core curriculum of 18 credit hours:

- [PADM 500](#) Public Management and Policy
- [PADM 521](#) Institutional Development and Behavior
- [PADM 522](#) Program Evaluation\*
- [PADM 525](#) Human Resources Management in the Public Sector
- [PADM 544](#) Public Budgeting
- [PADM 596](#) Research Methods for Public Managers\*

\*Students must meet the statistics prerequisite before enrolling.

### Concentrations

Students must declare a concentration by the completion of 21 credit hours. A [Program of Studies](#) (POS) is due to the School of Public Administration no later than completion of 30 credit hours. The School currently offers four concentrations for persons interested in pursuing a specialized area of public administration study: Health Policy and Administration; Human Resources Management; Public Budgeting and Financial Management; and Public Management. For further information, contact the Graduate Academic Advisor at [spadvise@unm.edu](mailto:spadvise@unm.edu) or (505) 277-9196.

[Health Policy and Administration Concentration](#) (15 credit hours)

Select at least three of the following courses:

- [PADM 561](#) Health Policy and Management
- [PADM 562](#) Health Governance in Global Perspective
- [PADM 563](#) Healthcare Finance
- [PADM 564](#) Healthcare Policy and Program Evaluation
- POLS 511 Health Policy and Politics

Select up to two of the following courses:

- [PADM 551](#) Problems
- [PADM 555](#) Workshop for Interns\*
- [PADM 570](#) Pro-seminar in Public Policy
- PADM 590 Topical Seminar in Health Policy and Management
- ECON 510 Topics in Health Economics\*
- LAW 531 Health Law
- PH 554 Public Health Policy, Politics and Advocacy
- PH 562 Women's Health Issues
- PH 565 Public Health: Law Policy and Ethics
- PH 578 Environmental Health Policy
- PH 579 New Mexico Border Health

\*Must be approved by the Director of the School of Public Administration.

#### [Human Resources Management Concentration](#) (15 credit hours)

Select five courses; required:

- [PADM 528](#) Employment Dispute Resolution
- [PADM 529](#) Administrative Law
- [PADM 538](#) Non-profit Management
- [PADM 588](#) Practice of Negotiations
- PADM 590 Seminar: Workplace Transformation
- PADM 590 Seminar: Systems Design in Dispute Resolution
- OLIT 540 Foundations of HRD and Instructional Technology
- MGMT 663 Employment Law\*\*
- MGMT 506 Organizational Behavior and Diversity
- MGMT 564 Human Resources Management Theory and Applications I\*\*

\*\*Prerequisite MGMT 506 Public Budgeting and Financial Management Concentration (15 credit hours)

Please contact Gene Henley, Program Operations Managers and Academic Advisor at (505) 277-1095.

#### [Public Management Concentration](#) (15 credit hours)

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