

Biden School of Public Policy & Administration
M.A. in Urban Affairs & Public Policy Plan of Study
August 2023

The MA degree requires a total of 36 credits. This form must be completed in consultation with and approved by your academic advisor, and submitted to the School Office (184 Graham Hall) no later than the end of the second semester of study, or sooner if possible. Your plan of study can later be revised, but then must be re-approved by your academic advisor and re-submitted to the School Office. No course can be double-counted to meet multiple requirements of the MA degree program. Consult your advisor and the MA Director about possible course waivers or substitutions.

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| Name of Student: | |
| E-mail: | Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time student |
| Entry Term: | Expected Date of Degree: |
| Name of Advisor: | |

| Fall Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
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| UAPP 691 – Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 701 – Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 702 – Research Methods for Urban and Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 693 – Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 649 – Civil Rights Law & Policy (3 credits) | |
| Area of research elective (3 credits) | |

| Fall Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
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| UAPP 703 – Urban Society & Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 707 – Public Policy Analysis (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 869 – Thesis (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 613 - Planning Theory & Urban Policy Area of research elective (3 credits) | |
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| UAPP 869 – Thesis (3 credits) | |
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Historic Preservation Certificate Option

For those students who chose to obtain the Historic Preservation Certificate, the plan of study appears below.

| Fall Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
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| UAPP 691 – Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 701 – Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 702 – Research Methods for Urban and Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 693 – Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 619 - Contemporary Issues in a Global Society (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 630 – Methods in Historic Preservation (3 credits) | |

| Fall Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
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| UAPP 629 - Theory and Practice of Historic Preservation (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 703 – Urban Society & Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 707 – Public Policy Analysis (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 700 – MA Capstone Studio (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 613 – Planning Theory & Urban Policy (3 credits) | |
| Preservation Certificate elective (3 credits) | |

Urban Data Science Certificate Option

For those students who chose to obtain the Urban Data Science Certificate, the plan of study appears below.

| Fall Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
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| SPPA 721 – Data Science Tools for Evidence-based Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 701 – Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 702 – Research Methods for Urban and Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 1st Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 693 – Economics in Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 613 – Planning Theory & Urban Policy (3 credits) | |
| SPPA 722 – Machine Learning for Public Policy (3 credits) | |

| Fall Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
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| UAPP 667 – Ethics in Data Science and AI (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 703 – Urban Society & Public Policy (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 707 – Public Policy Analysis (3 credits) | |
| Spring Semester, 2nd Year | Semester completed |
| UAPP 700 – MA Capstone Studio (3 credits) | |
| UAPP 649 – Civil Rights Law & Policy (3 credits) | |
| Urban Data Science Certificate elective (3 credits) | |

Area of Research

In consultation with your academic advisor, select additional courses to complete your area of research for your academic program. For students who select the Thesis as the capstone project (a 6-credit project), 6 credits are required in the area of research; for those students selecting the Historic Preservation Capstone Studio Paper (a 3-credit paper), 9 credits are required in the area of research. Students may consider taking courses elsewhere within the University of Delaware to fulfill the area of research requirement, as long as the courses are approved by the student’s advisor.

Internship: While an internship is not required for M.A. students, you may choose to do an internship, and you may also seek academic credit as part of your area of research, with the approval of your advisor.

**Thesis or MA Capstone Studio
(3-6 credits)**

In consultation with your academic advisor, select the **Thesis Option** (UAPP689, 6 credits) or the **MA Capstone Studio Option** (UAPP700, 3 credits) or to complete your degree program.

Check one: Thesis Option (6 credits) MA Capstone Studio Option

Proposed Title: _____

Name of Advisor: _____

Name(s) of Reader(s): _____

Approval of M.A. Plan of Study

Date initially approved: _____

Advisor’s signature: _____

Date revised: _____

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Date revised: _____

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Advisor’s signature: _____

Final approval by Program Director:

Date: _____

Comments: _____