Core Curriculum for Master’s Students

Public Policy Stream

PUBAFRS 6000 – Public Policy Formulation and Implementation
Analysis of the operating environment of the public administrator: public policy processes, public organization behavior, and policy formulation in the U.S. federal system.

PUBAFRS 6010 – Legal Environment of Public Organizations
Examination of public administration within the managerial, political and legal traditions of the U.S. Constitution with the goal of teaching public managers how to work with the law through an understanding of legal concepts, jargon, skills, and issues. The course covers federal & Ohio law.

Economics Stream

PUBAFRS 6030 – Public Sector Economics
Economic analysis applied to problems of public policy selection and government management operations; efficiency criteria, market failure, and public choice applied to administrative decision-making.

PUBAFRS 6040 – Public Budgeting and Finance
Comprehensive survey and analysis of the principal fiscal activities of contemporary governments; logic of public-sector activity; taxation principles and practice, intergovernmental relations, and current fiscal problems. Budgeting as analysis of resource allocation, planning evaluation, and control; tools of analysis for program budgeting and measurement of program results; case studies.  
Pre-requisite: PUBAFRS 6030

Management Stream

PUBAFRS 6050 – Managing Public Sector Organizations
Analysis of alternative approaches to the management of public agencies. Examination of alternative strategies that managers may use to link the agency to its operating environment.

PUBAFRS 6060 – Managing Human Resources in Public Organizations
Development of analytic and interpersonal skills needed for public sector management. Analytical and experiential learning through reading, lecture, discussion, case analysis, in-class presentations, management decision-making simulations and role-playing.

Decisions Support Systems Stream

PUBAFRS 6070 – Public Affairs Statistics
Techniques and statistics used in the analysis of public policy issues and problems.

PUBAFRS 6080 – Public Affairs Program Evaluation
Survey of the conceptual, methodological, bureaucratic, political and organizational issues surrounding evaluation research.  
Pre-requisite: PUBAFRS 6070