# MPA Sample 2-Year Program Plan

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**TOTAL CREDITS: 52 (Required)**

**SPECIAL NOTES:**
Students may take Skills Courses and Electives in any order, but must take 5 credits of Skills Classes and 12 credits of Electives. MPA students are not permitted to take PUBAFRS 5060, 5062, 6045, 6051, 6055, or 6075.

Both PUBAFRS 6040 and PUBAFRS 6080 have pre-requisites as follows:
- PUBAFRS 6030 before PUBAFRS 6040
- PUBAFRS 6070 before PUBAFRS 6080

This plan is designed as a sample program plan for a typical, full-time MPA student who wants to complete the program in two years. The spring-start plan, part-time plan, or 3/4 time plan for MPA students may vary each year.
# MPA Course Requirement Overview

## Core Requirements (32 credits)

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## Skills Courses (5 credits)

**REQUIRED**

- PUBAFRS 6500: Written and Oral Communication (2)
- CHOOSE ANY 3
  - PUBAFRS 5513: Excel Basic Skills (1)
  - PUBAFRS 5514: Excel Advanced Skills (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6505: Governmental Accounting (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6510: Conveying Quantitative Data in Public Affairs (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6515: Database Management (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6520: Balanced Scorecards and Dashboards (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6525: Survey Design (1)
  - PUBAFRS 6890: Special Topics Skills (1)

## Capstone Courses (3 credits, Choose 1)

- PUBAFRS 7900: Capstone: Research Paper in Public Affairs
- PUBAFRS 7910: Capstone: Public Policy Issues
- PUBAFRS 7940: Capstone: Public Management
- PUBAFRS 7950: Capstone: Nonprofit Management
- PUBAFRS 7960: Capstone: Information Management
- PUBAFRS 7930: Capstone: Public Budgeting and Finance

## Elective Courses (12 Credits, Choose 4)

Elective Courses may be offered in the following topics (may vary each semester):

- Energy Policy & the Environment
- Economic Development & Education Policy
- Grant Writing
- Contract Management
- Health Policy
- Dispute Resolution
- Higher Education Policy for Public Leaders
- Managing Innovation & Change
- Science and Technology Policy
- Non-Profit Management and Governance
- Wicked Policy Problems
- Performance Management
- Workforce Planning Policy
- Project Management
- Criminal Justice Policy
- Strategy for Public Organizations
- Juvenile Justice System Policy
- Public Management Information Systems
- Policy and Strategy in the Nonprofit Sector
- Multivariate Data Analysis
- Capital Budgeting and Capital Markets
- Policy Simulation & Modeling
- Economic Development Policy
- Fundraising and Philanthropy
- Governmental Accounting & Financial Management
- Lobbying & Government Relations
- Nonprofit Financial Management
- Research Project
- Privatization
- Regulation and Deregulation