Master of Public Administration Planning Sheet

	Number of credits	Semester completed
Core Courses		
PAFF 510: Research Design and Methods	4	
PAFF 520: Contemporary Issues in Public Administration	4	
PAFF 521: Foundations of Public Service	4	
PAFF 527: Budgeting and Financial Management	4	
PAFF 528: DPAP Career Prep	1	
Evidence-based Decision Making - choose one (Pre-req of PAFF 510) • PAFF 515: Program Evaluation • PAFF 516: Performance Analysis • PAFF 523: Intro To Policy Analysis	4	
Managing People in Organizations - choose one • PAFF 524: Leadership in Public Service • PAFF 532: Project Management • PAFF 534: Human Resource Mgmt • PAFF 535: Organizational Theory • PAFF 536: Managing Networks	4	
Specialization or Electives (12 Credits Required)		
Students may choose to complete a certificate within the Department of Public Administration and Policy (listed below) or students may select a variety of elective courses suited to their specialized academic interests from various other graduate academic departments. Courses outside of DPAP require prior approval.	12 credits required	
NP Cert: PAFF 551, PAFF 552, NP elective, elective		
LG Cert: PAFF 580, PAFF 582, LG elective, elective		
GMAP Cert: GMAP 500, historical elective, concepts elective, methods elective		
SUST Cert (starting fall 2027): SUST 500, SUST 510, PAFF 524, PAFF 523		
Applied Learning & Culminating Experience		
PAFF 594: Internship* (Pre-req minimum of 16 GD credits including PAFF 510, 520, 521). *Formal waiver can be requested for students with 3 or more years of relevant work experience.	0-2	
PAFF 589: The Reflective Practitioner (Must be taken in final semester and after completion of 6/7 core MPA courses, and PAFF 594.)	3	
Total Credits	40-42	

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