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Earn your MPA at IRAPP, MSU's Program of Distinction.*



Master of Public Administration (43 Hours)

Core Classes (25 hrs)

PA 610	Public and Administrative Law (3 hrs)
PA 620	Bureaucracy and Public Management (3 hrs)
PA 625	Public Budgeting and Finance (3 hrs)
PA 630	Politics of Public Policy (3 hrs)
PA 640	Theoretical Foundations of Public Administration (3 hrs)
SOC 615	Research Methods (3 hrs)
MNGT 600	Survey of Management and Organizational Behavior (3 hrs)
or	
SOC 635	Organizations in Contemporary Society (3 hrs)
RAPP 630	Graduate Seminar in Regional Analysis and Policy (3 hrs)
PA 690	Public Administration Internship (1 hr)

MPA Degree Candidates may complete one of the following two areas of specialization (12 hrs):

1) Specialization in Spatial and Regional Analysis

RAPP 610	Ideology and Policy Development in Appalachia (3 hrs)
RAPP 620	Economic Development (3hrs)

Two of the following:

CIS 650	Innovation, Technology, and Organizational Change (3 hrs)
RAPP 560	Spatial Analysis (3 hrs)
RAPP 637	Environmental Policy and Management (3 hrs)
RAPP 670	Directed Research (3 hrs)

2) Specialization in Federalism and Public Affairs

PA 650	Federalism Theory and Constitutional Law (3 hrs)
PA 660	Intergovernmental Relations (3 hrs)

Two of the following:

GOVT 600	Seminar: State and Local Government (3 hrs)
SOC 620	Sociology of Education (3 hrs)
PA 645	Seminar in Founding Fathers & American Thought (3 hrs)
PA 655	Community Development (3 hrs)
RAPP 670	Directed Research (3 hrs)

MPA Degree Candidates must complete one of two research options (6 hrs):

- 1) Completion and defense of an approved thesis PA 699 Thesis
- 2) Completion of an applied research project RAPP 670 and 3 hours of additional coursework approved by student's advisory committee