

SUBJECT: FACULTY REGULATIONS - Chapter IX - Section 20 GRADUATE STUDIES AND DEGREES

SECTION 20. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COURSE REQUIREMENTS. THE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE IS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ADMINISTERED BY THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION. THE M.P.A. PROGRAM REQUIRES 57 TO 62 CREDIT HOURS OF CLASSWORK, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: 36 TO 39 CREDIT HOURS IN THE CORE COURSES AND 21 TO 23 CREDIT HOURS IN THE AREA OF CONCENTRATION. A CONCLUDING RESEARCH PAPER (THREE CREDIT HOURS) IS REQUIRED, AS IS AN INTERNSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (FOUR CREDIT HOURS). WITH COMMITTEE APPROVAL, A STUDENT MAY WRITE A THESIS (NINE CREDIT HOURS) IN LIEU OF A RESEARCH PAPER AND SIX CREDIT HOURS IN THE AREA OF CONCENTRATION. CREDIT HOUR WAIVERS FOR UP TO 15 CREDIT HOURS (FOR CORE/ELECTIVES) OF THE AMOUNT NORMALLY REQUIRED, AND WAIVER OF THE INTERNSHIP, ARE ALLOWABLE UPON STUDENT SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVAL. REASONS FOR WAIVERS MUST BE BASED UPON THE STUDENT'S PRIOR OR CURRENT RELATED EXPERIENCE OR GRADUATE EDUCATION.

STUDENT ADVISING. INITIAL ADVISING IS BY THE PROGRAM MANAGER. THE RESULTANT TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE STUDENT'S STUDY IS REVIEWED BY THE M.P.A. DIRECTOR. BEFORE THE END OF 20-25 HOURS OF COURSE WORK, THE STUDENT SHOULD HAVE REQUESTED FORMATION OF A SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING TWO DEPARTMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE POLITICAL SCIENCE. THE COMMITTEE APPROVES THE COMPLETION OF THE PREREQUISITE, APPROVES ALLOWABLE WAIVERS TO PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, GIVES GENERAL GUIDANCE, APPROVES THE INTERNSHIP AND EVALUATES THE INTERNSHIP WORK, APPROVES ELECTIVE COURSEWORK IN THE SPECIALTY, ADMINISTERS THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION, DIRECTS AND APPROVES THE THESIS OR RESEARCH PAPER PROJECT, AND ADMINISTERS THE ORAL DEFENSE.

TIME LIMITS. WORK FOR THE M.P.A. DEGREE MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL-TIME CALENDAR YEARS. HOWEVER, WORK TOWARD THE M.P.A. DEGREE IS ACCEPTABLE IF COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR YEARS. TIME EXTENSIONS BEYOND THIS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY. DURING THEIR FOURTH QUARTER OF WORK FOR THE DEGREE, STUDENTS SHOULD FILE WITH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THEIR SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE AN "APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE." APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE STUDENT'S SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.

EXAMINATIONS. A WRITTEN OR ORAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (STUDENT'S CHOICE) AND AN ORAL DEFENSE OF THE RESEARCH PAPER OR THESIS ARE REQUIRED. BOTH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE. THE COMPREHENSIVE SHOULD BE TAKEN UPON COMPLETION OF THE M.P.A. CLASSES. THE FINAL ORAL DEFENSE SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS FEASIBLE FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS OR RESEARCH PAPER TO THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE.

LANGUAGE. THERE IS NO LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE M.P.A. DEGREE.

RESEARCH PAPER OR THESIS. EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE M.P.A. MUST COMPLETE AN APPROVED RESEARCH PAPER (THREE CREDIT HOURS) OR A THESIS (NINE CREDIT HOURS). NORMALLY, THE RESEARCH PAPER IS AN

EXTENSION OR EXPANSION OF A PAPER WRITTEN FOR A CLASS OR SEMINAR TAKEN AS PART OF THE PROGRAM. FURTHER GUIDELINES FOR THE RESEARCH PAPER ARE SET BY THE STUDENT'S SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE. THE THESIS MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE STUDENT'S AREA OF CONCENTRATION AND WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR SIX HOURS OF COURSEWORK IN THE AREA OF CONCENTRATION AND THE THREE-HOUR RESEARCH PAPER. THE THESIS IS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL GOVERNING FORM AND DISTRIBUTION.

INTERNSHIP. CANDIDATES FOR THE M.P.A. DEGREE ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE A SIX-MONTH, FULL-TIME INTERNSHIP OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY. THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERNSHIP IS TO GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS, AND TO SPEED THE TRANSITION FROM STUDENT TO PRACTITIONER. THE INTERNSHIP SHOULD PROVIDE A TEXT OF KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED DURING COURSEWORK; AND IT SHOULD EXPOSE THE STUDENT TO THE VARIABLES OF ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT STYLE, THE POLITICS OF ORGANIZATION, PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ISSUES, AND INTERPERSONAL COMPLEXITIES IN ORGANIZED LIFE. IT SHOULD HELP THE STUDENT LEARN FROM VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES, PERSONAL PREFERENCES FOR WORK ENVIRONMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS ON THE JOB. FINALLY, IT SHOULD GIVE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE FORMULATION AND ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC POLICY. THUS, THE STUDENT SHOULD SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MUST APPROVE THE INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT. THE INTERNSHIP IS TO BE SERVED WITHIN AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT-RELATED ORGANIZATION, OR A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. IT SHOULD BEGIN ONLY AFTER THE STUDENT HAS COMPLETED 20-25 QUARTER HOURS IN THE M.P.A. PROGRAM. THOSE STUDENTS WHO COME TO THE M.P.A. PROGRAM WITH SIGNIFICANT PREVIOUS RELATED EXPERIENCE MAY PETITION THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A WAIVER OF THE INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT ("SIGNIFICANT" IS DEFINED AS AT LEAST ONE YEAR FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AT A LEVEL COMPARABLE TO INTERNSHIPS NORMALLY ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR M.P.A. STUDENTS).

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