

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

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SUBJ: Slight modification of the core curriculum of the Master of Public Management (MPM) degree

WHEREAS, the MPM degree was initially created over a decade ago and no capstone course was required for accreditation by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA); and

WHEREAS, the faculty members in the Department of Public Policy may seek initial accreditation of the MPM degree by NASPAA;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPM core curriculum be revised to add PPOL V600 (Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs) and the degree will require one less elective and remain 39 credit hours.

Current MPM Degree Requirements

Core requirements (18 credit hours): PPOL V502 (Public Management); PPOL V506 (Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making); PPOL V509 (Administrative Ethics in the Public Sector); PPOL V560 (Public Finance and Budgeting); PPOL V562 (Public Program Evaluation); and PPOL V566 (Executive Leadership).

Concentration requirements (12 credit hours): Students select Health Systems Administration and Policy or Public Administration and Policy.

Health Systems Administration and Policy: PPOL H517 (Managerial Epidemiology); PPOL V543 (Health Systems Management); PPOL V545 (The U.S. Healthcare System); and PPOL V546 (Health Services Utilization).

Public Administration and Policy: PPOL V504 (Public Organizations); PPOL V512 (Public Policy Process); PPOL V539 (Management Science for Public Affairs); and PPOL V540 (Law and Public Affairs).

Experiential Component (3 credit hours): Each MPM student must complete the 3 credit hour experiential component. Students with at least one year of full-time management and/or policy experience can apply for an exemption. Students who do not meet this criterion must take PPOL V585 (Practicum in Public Affairs) for 3 credit hours.

Electives (6 credit hours): PPOL courses may be completed to satisfy elective requirements. Other IPFW graduate courses must be approved by the director of graduate studies.

Total=39 credit hours

Proposed MPM Degree Requirements (Effective Fall 2015)

Core requirements (21 credit hours): PPOL V502 (Public Management); PPOL V506 (Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making); PPOL V509 (Administrative Ethics in the Public Sector); PPOL V560 (Public Finance and Budgeting); PPOL V562 (Public Program Evaluation); PPOL V566 (Executive Leadership); and PPOL V600 (Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs).

Concentration requirements (12 credit hours): Students select Health Systems Administration and Policy or Public Administration and Policy.

Health Systems Administration and Policy: PPOL H517 (Managerial Epidemiology); PPOL V543 (Health Systems Management); PPOL V545 (The U.S. Healthcare System); and PPOL V546 (Health Services Utilization).

Public Administration and Policy: PPOL V504 (Public Organizations); PPOL V512 (Public Policy Process); PPOL V539 (Management Science for Public Affairs); and PPOL V540 (Law and Public Affairs).

Experiential Component (3 credit hours): Each MPM student must complete the 3 credit hour experiential component. Students with at least one year of full-time management and/or policy experience can apply for an exemption. Students who do not meet this criterion must take PPOL V585 (Practicum in Public Affairs) for 3 credit hours.

Elective (3 credit hours): PPOL courses may be completed to satisfy the elective requirement. Other IPFW graduate courses must be approved by the director of graduate studies.

Total=39 credit hours