

Graduate Course Descriptions

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Department of Political
Science

Bowman Hall 302

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to transform the relationship between government and citizens. This course is an introduction to e-governance with an emphasis on public administration. The course examines the implications of information and communication technology in public organizations with regard to performance improvement and civic engagement.

PADM 60392-001 Internship 3 Sykes
CRN # 16142 TBA

The MPA internship course is required of all MPA students who do not have prior administrative experience in a public or nonprofit organization. Students must be placed in a formal field assignment for 300 hours during the semester they are enrolled in the MPA internship course. The internship assignment should be in a government or nonprofit agency setting, and provides opportunities for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom about policy development, implementation strategies, and program evaluation theories to practical applications in the work place.

- Students must obtain permission to register for this course.
- Students may not receive internship credit for normal duties performed in pre-existing employment.
- Internship assignments must be preapproved by the MPA Internship Coordinator to assure that a proposed internship has the requisite work-study rigor of a graduate PA curriculum.
- The agency supervisor and the student must complete a letter of agreement that clearly outlines the responsibilities and expectations of the student and the agency before the student officially starts to work.
- Agency supervisors are required to complete an evaluation form provided by the MPA Coordinator and recommend a grade based on the student's performance. The completed evaluation form and the recommended grade will be considered in determining the student's final grade for the course.
- Students are required to write a twenty page paper related to their internship experience.
- The topic of the paper must be approved by the MPA Internship Coordinator.
- Students must maintain a journal with faculty mentor/s to document and discuss the student's performance, challenges, and the application of PA theories and practices.
- Students are encouraged to seek paid internships to maximize the opportunity of obtaining significant professional experience.

