

Program:	Public Administration	Dept:	Political Science
Major:	Urban Management	College:	Liberal Arts
Degree:	Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)	Major Code:	5681

Public Administration--Urban Management, M.P.A.

The UCO MPA inspires public values by providing transformative learning experiences for ethical leaders striving to improve communities in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. As the flagship public service program for Oklahoma’s metropolitan university, the UCO MPA prepares professionals to serve as leaders in local, state, and national governments; nonprofit organizations; and international agencies. UCO MPA graduates inform public debate and address critical policy issues. The values of the UCO MPA include civic engagement/ collaboration, discipline knowledge/professional competence, diversity and cultural sensitivity, environmental stewardship, ethical leadership, global awareness, good governance, pride in public service, quality of life, and social justice.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions.
- A student may be admitted by one of the three following methods.
 - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - GRE scores. The student must obtain a score of 150 on the Verbal portion of the GRE, 145 on the Quantitative portion of the GRE, and 4.5 on the Writing portion of the GRE (pending Regent approval).
 - Possess a master’s degree from an accredited university/ college with an overall GPA of 3.00.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.15\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admissions to Graduate Studies \(p.13\)](#).*

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must develop a plan of study with his/her program advisor and file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of “C”.
 - No more than 6 advisor-approved hours of independent study courses.
- Core Comprehensive Examination. Achieve a minimum score of “pass” on the Public Administration competency examination. Examinations will be established on a schedule determined by the graduate program advisor. Students may retake an

examination only once and only upon approval of the graduate program advisor.

- Course Completion. Completion of 36 hours: 21 hours of core courses including 3 hours of capstone paper, 9 hours selected from guided electives and 6 hours of general electives.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....21 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
POL	5053	Public Administration Dynamics
POL	5033	Research Methods
POL	5193	Public Finance and Budgeting
POL	5413	Public Policy Analysis
POL	5423	Public Executive Leadership
POL	5473	Public Sector Human Resources
POL	5983	Capstone Paper

Guided Electives.....15 Hours

(Courses offered on a rotating basis)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
GEO	5113	Geographical Information Systems
POL	5013	Urban History of Policy/Admin
POL	5043	Municipal Management
POL	5123	Budgeting for Cities & States
POL	5133	Problems - State & Urban Government
POL	5163	Intergovernmental Relations
POL	5173	Urban Planning and Politics
POL	5363	Urban Sustainability
POL	5383	Fundamentals of Emergency Management
POL	5433	Minority Politics & Policy
POL	5443	Environmental Politics
POL	5523	Urban Housing Policy
POL	5563	Economic Development
POL	5793	Managing Public Sector Crises

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 36 HOURS