

5-year B.A. in Urban Studies + Master of Public Administration



Overview

- » The five-year BA in Urban Studies + Master of Public Administration is a fast-track program designed for high-performing undergraduates in the Urban Studies program. By accelerating the completion of two degrees, students can jump start their careers as professionals in public administration.

Admission Requirements

- » Minimum qualifications: 90 credit hours earned, GPA of 3.25, GRE scores at the 40th percentile (verbal and quantitative combined), and an Analytical Writing score of 4.0, plus completion of core competencies (economics, public policy, and statistics) by earning grades of B or better in UST 300, UST 302, UST 404, and UST 405.
- » Students apply for admission to the BA+MPA program through the Levin College advising office. A complete application is comprised of the 4+1 application form, official GRE scores, and two letters of recommendation from faculty.

BA program

Phase I

Upper Division College Requirements

UST 404 Urban Data Analysis
UST 405 Methods of Research and Evaluation

Required Courses

UST 290 Urban Geography
UST 300 Economics of Policy Analysis
UST 302 Contemporary Urban Issues
UST 489 Advanced Senior Seminar

Public Management Required Courses

UST 452 Management of Urban and Nonprofit Organizations
UST 459 Budgeting and Policy Analysis
UST 515 Introduction to Public Administration
UST 517 Public Administration and the Political Process
UST 518 Public Human Resource Management

Choose 2 from:

UST 410 Proposal Writing
UST 433 Negotiation and Conflict Management
UST 451 Fundraising and External Relations for Nonprofit Organizations
UST 453 Managing Urban Diversity
UST 455 Gender and Leadership
UST 458 Urban Policy
UST 473 Columbus Seminar
UST 474 Washington Seminar
UST 494 Levin Chair Seminar

Phase 2

UST 490 Urban Internship
UST 516 Public Finance and Economics
MPA Elective (4 credits)

The BA in Urban Studies is awarded with 128 credit hours earned and completion of all General Education, college and major-field requirements. In order to advance to Phase III, the cumulative GPA must be at least 3.0 with grades of B or better in all 500-level courses.

Master of Public Administration

Phase 3

Core Requirements

UST 601 Applied Quantitative Reasoning I
UST 604 Organizational Behavior

Complete one specialization chosen from:

1. General Public Management
Choose three electives
2. City Management
UST 619 Seminar in City Management
UST 633 Budget Policy and Management
Elective (3-4 credits)

Exit Requirement

UST 692 Capstone Seminar in Public Administration

The MPA degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of eight graduate courses taken during Phase II (BA) and Phase III (MPA) for a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours. All Graduate College and MPA program rules regarding academic standing and graduation apply.

For more information, please contact:

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