

Master in Sustainable Solutions (MSUS) & Master in Public Administration (MPA)

The MPA degree is a professional degree for people who want a public service career in management. Students develop the skills and techniques used by leaders and managers to implement policies, projects, and programs that resolve important societal problems while addressing organizational, human resource, and budgetary challenges.

This concurrent arrangement allows students to combine a professional degree in sustainability with well-known career pathways in public administration. Students with degrees in both Sustainability and Public Administration will have an important differentiator from other programs offered around the country. Increasingly, public administration must meet sustainability challenges. An ability to apply sustainability principles to public policy, administration and management is becoming imperative.

Concurrent Degree Requirements

The concurrent arrangement will comprise a minimum of 60 credit hours. In summary:

	Credit Hours
MSUS requires	33
MPA requires	+42
<i>MPA/MSUS concurrently in total requires</i>	75
Credit hours shared by concurrent arrangement (20%)	(15)
Total Credit Hours Required	60

Application Process

To be considered for admission, applicants will need to apply to each program separately. Applicants must meet the admissions criteria for each program.

For Fall Admission:

December 15 (but it's recommended that students submit their application by November 15 to allow enough time for references)

Sample Concurrent Plan of Study

Semester 1	Credit Hours
SOS 510: Perspectives on Sustainability (<i>shared</i>)	3
PAF 501: Public Service Research I	3
PAF 503: Public Affairs	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	9
Semester 2	Credit Hours
SOS 511: Methodology of Sustainability Research and Problem Solving (<i>shared</i>)	3
PAF 502: Public Service Research II (<i>shared</i>)	3
PAF 504: Public Affairs Economics (<i>shared</i>)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	9
Semester 3	Credit Hours
MSUS Core Course	3
MSUS Core Course	3
MSUS Methods Course	2
SOS 531: Achieving Career Success in Sustainability	1
PAF 505: Public Policy Analysis (<i>shared</i>)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12
Semester 4	Credit Hours
MSUS Core Course	3
MSUS Core Course	3
PAF 506: Public Budgeting and Finance	3
PAF Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12
Semester 5	Credit Hours
PAF 507: Public Human Resources Management	3
PAF 508: Organization Behavior	3
SOS 584 Internship, SOS 593: Applied Project, or SOS 594: Workshop	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	9
Semester 6	Credit Hours
PAF 509: Public Affairs Capstone	3
PAF Elective	3
PAF Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	9
Total Semester Hours Required	60