

## MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY LEARNING COMPETENCIES

NASPAA accreditation, Standard 5, outlines five domains of competency for public policy curriculum as follows:

- 1. To lead and manage in public governance;
- 2. To participate in and contribute to the policy process;
- 3. To analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions;
- 4. To articulate and apply a public service perspective;
- 5. To communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

Categorically, our courses are offered as followed regarding domain competencies as described above:

Course	Competency	NASPAA Domain(s)
POL500	Foundations of Public Policy, Modeling, and Analysis/Evaluation. Students are provided an overview of	1, 2, 3, 5
	public policy, processes, models, and evaluations of policy. Their capstone course requirement is the	
	application of these concepts into developing a policy paper overview of a policy issue of their choosing.	
POL530	Historical and current understanding of the foundations of policy analysis.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL540	Microeconomics as applied to public policy. Students learn how economic theory influences helps to define,	1, 2, 3, 5
	influence, and evaluate public policy.	
POL580	Statistical analysis. Students learn the basics of statistics as applied to public policy issues. They also develop	2, 3, 5
	a research question that is meant to be the basis of their applied policy research seminar (capstone experience).	
POL581	Research methods. Students learn quantitative and qualitative aspects of developing a research question. The	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	course is taught so students begin to think about data collection in anticipation of POL580 (statistics).	
POL585	Applied policy research seminar (capstone). Students take their identified research question, statistics and	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	microeconomics tools, review the literature on a research question, and then develop a protocol for data	
	collection and analysis of their research question.	
POL599	Internship. Students put their understanding of public policy into action by working in a public service context.	1, 2, 4, 5
POL611	Administrative law. Students learn how policy is filtered before-and-after through our administrative legal	1, 2, 3
	system. They gain practical understanding of how constitutional and administrative law principles impact the	
	development, implementation, and evaluation of public policy.	