

TRANSMITTAL

DATE: April 23, 2004

TO: Rebecca Scott
Senate Council

FROM: Lissa Holland
Graduate Council

The Graduate Council met on April 22, 2004 and approved the following:

MARTIN SCHOOL

Public Administration

Public Administration – Change in MPA

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**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM**

Program: Master of Public Administration

Department/Division: The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

College: The Graduate School Bulletin pp 129 (Graduate Bulletin)

Degree Title (Old): Master of Public Administration Major (New): Master of Public Administration

CIP Code: 44.0401 HEGIS Code: 21021

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): NASPAA (National Association of Schools of Public Policy & Administration)

I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)	9	9
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)	none	none
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	none	none
4. Termination criteria	receiving a grade of "C" in any 9 credit hours. Receiving a grade of "E" for any 3 credit hours Twice failing the final master's exam.	same same same
5. Plan A requirements*	Successful completion and presentation of the capstone project developed in PA 681.	same
6. Plan B requirements*		
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)	All core courses required are 600 level or above. Up to 12 hours of area of concentration courses and/or electives may be 400G and above.	All core courses are 600 level or above. Up to 6 hours of area of concentration courses may be 400G and above.
8. Required courses (if applicable)	See attached table	See attached table
9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	See attached table	See attached table.
10. Final examination requirements	Successful completion and presentation of the capstone project developed in PA 681.	same

11. Any other requirements not covered above
 Both programs require 1 400 hour internship taken as PA 711.

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

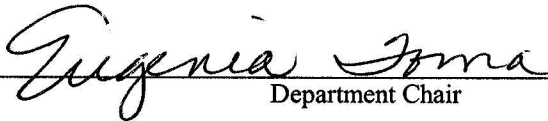
If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

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Signatures of Approval:


 Department Chair

3-17-04
 Date

 Dean of the College

 Date

 Date of Notice to the Faculty

 *Undergraduate Council

 Date

 *University Studies

 Date

 *Graduate Council

 Date

 Academic Council for the Medical Center

 Date

 Senate Council

 Date of Notice to University Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

Suggested Sequence of Classes Master of Public Administration

Old MPA (45 hours)

Fall First Year	Spring First Year	Summer	Fall Second Year	Spring Second Year
PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research	PA 623 Decision Analysis	PA 711 PA Internship	PA 622 Program Evaluation	PA 681 Capstone
PA 631 Public Financial Management	PA 632 Public Funds Management		Area of Concentration	Area of Concentration
PA 651 Policy Process	PA 641 Political Environment Of Public Organizations		Area of Concentration	Elective
PA 652 Public Policy Economics	PA 642 Public Organization, Theory & Behavior			
12 credits	12 credits	3 credits	9 credits	9 credits

New MPA (42 credits)

PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research	PA 623 Decision Analysis	PA 711 Internship in Pubic Administration	PA 622 Program Evaluation	PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration
PA 631 Public Financial Management	PA 632 Public Funds Management		PA 602 Organization Change & Strategic Planning	Concentration
PA 651 Policy Process	PA 652 Public Policy Economics		Concentration	PA 624 PA Information Systems(2)
	PA 642 Public Organization, Theory & Behavior			PA 604 Ethics (1)
9 credits	12 credits	3 credits	9 credits	9 credits

Master of Public Administration Current and Proposed Curriculum Comparison

Changes are italicized. All courses are 3 credits unless indicated otherwise.

MPA Current.

Proposed MPA

METHODS

PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research
 PA 622 Program Evaluation
 PA 623 Decision Analysis

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 PA 622 Program Evaluation
 PA 623 Decision Analysis
 PA 624 *Information Systems in Gov't. (1)*

CORE

PA 631 Public Financial Management
 PA 632 Public Funds Management
PA 641 Political Environment of Pub. Organizations
 PA 642 Public Organization, Theory & Behavior
 PA 651 The Policy Process
 PA 652 Public Policy Economics
 PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration

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 PA 632 Public Funds Management
PA 602 Org. Change & Strategic Planning
 PA 642 Public Organization, Theory & Behavior
 PA 651 The Policy Process
 PA 652 Public Policy Economics
 PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration
PA 604 Ethics and Public Policy (1)

PA 711 Internship in Public Administration

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33 HOURS

36 HOURS

SPECIALIZATION

9 hrs. Area of Concentration
 Public Financial Management
 Health Policy
 Individually Tailored Specialization.
 Gerontology
 Policy Analysis.

Choose 6 hours:
 Public Financial Mgt (PA 795 ,PA 683)
 Environmental Mgt. (ES 610, 620 or 630 or PA 727
 Health Mgt. (HA 636, 637 or 673)
 Gen. Mgt. (PA 628 & one other)
 Non-Profit Mgt. (PA 660 PA 661)

Elective

45 HOURS

42 HOURS