

**4+1 MPA program proposal:**

**1) Please provide the rationale for creating the proposed Combined Bachelor/Master degree program.**

This program will respond to requests from students who decide during their undergraduate program to continue on and earn their MPA. In the past, a number of students here at Oakland University have chosen to do so. BS/MPA programs are becoming more popular across the country and are currently being offered locally at Central Michigan University as well as Wayne State University, our two closest competitors. Offering an accelerated program here at Oakland University would help us retain students for our graduate program as well as attract new students to the school in general. A program such as this one would also assure that Oakland University remains in the forefront of program offerings in public administration.

This combined program will help us meet the need of students in Oakland and Macomb Counties who still need undergraduate degrees before considering a graduate program.

**2) Please describe the objective of the proposed program, and any distinctive features.**

The proposed program would allow a student to complete an undergraduate BS in Public Administration and a graduate Master of Public Administration degree in 5 years.

**3) Describe the student demand for the proposed program.**

Currently, we have 19 students enrolled this semester in our BS Public Administration program. Several of these students meet the criteria for a program such as this.

**4) What is the projected enrollment (describe the projected enrollment number as new additions to the enrollment in the existing degree programs).**

We estimate that 3 or 4 students per academic year currently join our MPA program after completing an undergraduate degree in public administration at OU. Our expectations double that number if we offered the new combined program.

**5) List the graduate degree credit and course requirements for the existing master’s program (Template A) - Master of Public Administration**

**6) List the undergraduate degree credit and course requirements for the existing undergraduate program: BS in Public Administration and Public Policy (Template B)**

**7) No more than 12-credits of graduate courses applied to the bachelor's degree may be counted also for graduate credit in a combined program. Courses eligible to be double-counted must be at the 500 level and each must be passed with at least a 3.0 GPA. Independent study courses, internships or courses given credit by examination are not eligible.**

How many graduate credits are eligible to be double-counted (maximum = 12 credits) 12

List the graduate courses eligible to be double-counted (500 level)

Subject	Number	Title	Credits
PA	501	Foundations of Public Administration	4

PA	553	Public Budgeting and Finance	4
PA	554	Human Resource Management in the Public Sector	4

A 3.0 is necessary in each of these courses, consistent with the requirement specified above.

**8) What are the admission requirements for the master’s degree program?**

Currently, for the graduate degree, a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 is the main requirement. Foundation courses in political science, macroeconomics, financial accounting and basic statistics that are required for the master’s degree are taught as part of the undergraduate degree in public administration. For the combined degree, students would be allowed to enter the accelerated program with a deferred admission to the graduate MPA program after completing half of the required credits for their undergraduate major *and* earning a minimum grade of 3.0 in both PS 351-Public Administration Financial Analysis and PS 353 –American Public Policy. Students would need to have an overall GPA of 3.20 to enter and maintain an overall 3.0 GPA to remain in the accelerated degree program. Upon completion of the BS degree, students with deferred admission into the graduate MPA program who have maintained an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and earned a minimum 3.0 grade in each of the three graduate courses, will be formally admitted to the MPA program. Students who have not maintained eligibility to continue will be denied formal admission to the MPA program and forfeit the 12-credit double-counted course advantage. The 12 credits to be double counted will be designated as applicable to the graduate degree after the student receives the bachelor’s degree and matriculates in the graduate program. This designation will be canceled if the student is denied formal admission or withdraws from the graduate program.

By meeting the undergraduate PA requirements, Oakland University students automatically complete all the prerequisites and foundation courses. Transfer students will be handled on a case-by-case basis, of necessity. In Template B – Existing Undergraduate Degree, the specific undergraduate courses: PS 100 – Introduction to American Politics, PS 303 – Research Methods and Statistics, PS 351 – Public Administration Financial Analysis and PS 406 – Government and Economy are labeled as MPA prerequisites.

**9) How does the combined bachelor/master degree program complement the campus or departmental mission?**

From the broader Oakland University mission: ... develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes essential for successful living and active concerned citizenship.” From the more specific B.S. in public administration mission: “The B.S. in public administration degree is designed to provide appropriate analytical skills and prepare students for ... specialized programs in public administration and public policy.” The MPA mission: “The Master of Public Administration Program at Oakland University advances excellence in public and non-governmental management through strengthening the leadership capacity, problem-solving skills, public service values, and community engagement of current and aspiring public and non-governmental executives. The program is designed to deliver outstanding service to our students, the university community, and the public at large.” All three missions speak to successful public service skills, knowledge, and attitudes that result in better management and governance in the public and nonprofit sectors.

**10) List and indicate the resources required to implement the proposed program. Indicate sources (e.g., reallocations or any new resources such as personnel, library holdings, equipment, etc.).**

No additional courses or resources are required.

**11) Will 50% of courses required for the proposed combined degree program be offered at an off-campus site location? If yes, please list the site location (building and address).**

OU-Macomb will continue to offer undergraduate public administration and MPA courses on a rotation basis. Students will have the option of attending class at either main campus or the Anton Frankel Center at 20 S.Main in Mt. Clemens. Students in our Criminal Justice Leadership or Court Administration Concentration may complete the MPA program at the Anton Frankel Center in Macomb County but will require a minimum of one additional year.

Name of Existing Graduate Degree				# credits required for degree
Mater of Public Administration				40
Department			School/College	
Political Science			College of Arts and Sciences	
Degree Course Requirements	Graduate Program Course Information			
	Subject	Number	Credits	Title
Foundation Course Requirement				
Foundation Course Required	PA	522	2	Research Perspectives and Techniques
Foundation Course Required	PA	526	4	Government and the Economy
Foundation Course Required	PA	524	2	Introduction to Government and Nonprofit Accounting
Core Course Requirement				
Core Course Requirement	PA	501	4	Foundations in Public Administration
Core Course Requirement	PA	620	4	Quantitative Methods in Public Administration
Core Course Requirement	PA	621	4	Public Sector Information Systems Management
Core Course Requirement	PA	553	4	Public Budgeting and Finance
Core Course Requirement	PA	554	4	Human Resource Management in the Public Sector
Core Course Requirement	PA	655	4	Program and Policy Evaluation
Court Administration Concentration Course Requirement	PA	540	4	Court Administration
Electives (Any 8 Credits)	PA	503	4	Intergovernmental Relations
	PA	541	4	Law and Public Policy
	PA	542	2	Law and Administration: Local Perspectives
	PA	543	2	Law and Administration: State Perspectives
	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
Electives (Continued)	PA	634	2	Risk Management

**Existing Graduate Degree Program**

**Template A**

	PA	638	2/4	Public Sector Employee Relations
	PA	640	4	Advanced Court Administration
	PA	644	2/4	Current Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management
<b>Criminal Justice Leadership Concentration Course Requirement</b>	PA	560	4	Organization and Management of Criminal Justice Agencies
Electives ( Any 8 credits)	PA	503	4	Intergovernmental Relations
	PA	540	4	Court Administration
	PA	541	4	Law and Public Policy
	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	561	4	Law and Leadership
	PA	562	4	Security Leadership
	PA	563	4	Corrections Leadership
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
	PA	634	2	Risk Management
	PA	638	2/4	Public Sector Employee Relations
	PA	644	2/4	Current Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management
<b>Health Care Administration Concentration Course Requirement</b>	PA	569	4	Organization and Administration of Health Care Programs
Electives (Any 8 credits)	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	559	4	Public Policy and Health Care
	PA	568	4	Health Planning: Policies and Processes
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
	PA	634	2	Risk Management
	PA	638	2/4	Public Sector Employee Relations
	PA	644	2/4	Current Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management

## Existing Graduate Degree Program

## Template A

<b>Local Government Management Concentration</b>	PA	630	4	Local Government Management
Electives (Any 8 credits)	PA	503	4	Intergovernmental Relations
	PA	535	4	Economic Development: Theory and Practice
	PA	541	4	Law and Public Policy
	PA	542	2	Law and Administration: Local Perspectives
	PA	543	2	Law and Administration: State Perspectives
	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	602	4	Public Administration: Issues and Problems
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
	PA	631	2/4	Grants: Politics and Administration
	PA	634	2	Risk Management
	PA	638	2/4	Public Sector Employee Relations
	PA	644	2/4	Current Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management
	PA	669	4	Community Planning and Zoning
<b>Nonprofit Organization and Management Concentration</b>	PA	510	4	Nonprofit Organization and Management
Electives (Any 8 Credits)	PA	503	4	Intergovernmental Relations
	PA	511	4	Fundraising and Philanthropy
	PA	535	4	Economic Development: Theory and Practice
	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
	PA	631	2/4	Grants: Politics and Administration
	PA	634	2	Risk Management
	PA	644	2/4	Contemporary Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management

## Existing Graduate Degree Program

## Template A

Generalist Public Administration Degree				Student do not need to choose a concentration and would then choose 12 credits from the following electives
Electives (Any 12 Credits)	PA	503	4	Intergovernmental Relations
	PA	510	4	Nonprofit Organization and Management
	PA	511	4	Fundraising and Philanthropy
	PA	535	4	Economic Development: Theory and Practice
	PA	540	4	Court Administration
	PA	541	4	Law and Public Policy
	PA	542	2	Law and Administration: Local Perspectives
	PA	543	2	Law and Administration: State Perspectives
	PA	548	2	Administrative Ethics
	PA	559	4	Public Policy and Health Care
	PA	560	4	Organization and Management of Criminal Justice Agencies
	PA	561	4	Law Enforcement Leadership
	PA	562	4	Security Leadership
	PA	563	4	Corrections Leadership
	PA	568	4	Health Planning: Policies and Processes
	PA	569	4	Organization and Administration of Health Care Programs
	PA	602	4	Public Administration: Issues and Problems
	PA	603	4	Contemporary Public Management Techniques
	PA	610	4	Strategic Planning
	PA	630	4	Local Government Management
	PA	631	2/4	Grants: Politics and Administration
	PA	634	2	Risk Management
	PA	638	2/4	Public Sector Employee Relations
	PA	640	4	Advanced Court Administration

**Existing Graduate Degree Program****Template A**

	PA	644	2/4	Current Issues in Public Sector Human Resource Management
	PA	657	2	Workshop in Capital Budgeting
	PA	660	2/4	Public Administration Workshop
	PA	669	4	Community Planning and Zoning
	PA	691	2/4	Directed Readings
	PA	692	2/4	Special Topics In Public Administration
	PA	693	2/4	Special Topics in Public Policy
<b>Exit Course Requirement</b>				
	PA	658	4	Public Administration Internship
	PA	690	4	Master Project
<b>Non-Course Requirements</b>				
None				



**Existing Graduate Degree Program**  
**Existing Undergraduate Degree Program**

**Template A**  
**Template B**

Name of Existing Undergraduate Degree Public Administration and Public Policy B.S				# credits required for the major portion of the degree: 42
Department Political Science			School/College College of Arts and Sciences	
Degree Course Requirements	Undergraduate Program Course Information			
	Subject	Number	Credits	Title
Core Requirement	PS	100	4	Introduction to American Politics (MPA prerequisite)
Core Requirement	PS	114	4	Issues in World Politics <b>OR</b>
	PS	131	4	Comparative Politics
Core Requirement	PS	303	4	Research Methods and Statistics (MPA prerequisite)
Departmental Course	PS	257	2	Public Affairs and Careers Orientation
Departmental Course	PS	350	4	Public Administration
Departmental Course	PS	351	4	Public Administration Financial Analysis (MPA prerequisite)
Departmental Course	PS	353	4	American Public Policy
Departmental Course	PS	453	4	Public Budgeting
Departmental Course	PS	454	4	Public Sector Human Resource Development
Departmental Course	PS	458	4	Public Administration Internship
Any one of the following:				(MPA prerequisite)
Co-requisite Course	PS	406	4	Government and the Economy
Co-requisite Course	ECN	202	4	Principles of Global Macroeconomics
Co-requisite Course	ECN	210	6	Principles of Economics

**Existing Graduate Degree Program**

**Template A**
