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RE: Change to Requirements, Criminal Justice Concentration, Master of Public  
Affairs (MPA)

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SPEA IUPUI is requesting a change to the course requirements for the Criminal Justice Concentration in the MPA. The Criminal Justice concentration is currently active.

### **Rationale for the Change**

The proposed changes will accomplish three objectives. First, the changes will create a more clearly focused set of required courses to provide students a stronger substantive foundation in disciplinary knowledge. Second, students would be allowed to complete the Public Management or Nonprofit Management core of the MPA. Criminal Justice professionals work in both sectors and this change will allow students to better customize their degree. Third, the list of recommended electives needs to be updated to reflect the addition of new courses and the removal of courses no longer offered.

### **Proposed Change: Criminal Justice Concentration (18 credit hours)**

The proposed changes would require four courses and shorten the list of recommended electives.

#### *Required Courses (all 4 courses)*

SPEA-J501 Evolution of Criminological Thought and Policy (3.0 credits)  
SPEA-J582 Criminal Justice Systems (3.0 credits)

- SPEA-J 666 Criminal Justice and Public Safety Policy Evaluation (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-J 682 Planning & Management for Criminal Justice & Public Safety (3.0 credits)

*Electives (select 2 courses)*

- SPEA-J 502 Research Methods in Criminal Justice & Public Safety (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-J 524 Emergency Management (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-J 528 Risk Analysis for Public Safety (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-J 531 National & Homeland Security in America (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-J 550 Topics in Criminal Justice (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-V 516 Public Management Information Systems (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-V 522 Human Resource Management in Nonprofits (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-V 541 Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public and Environmental Policies (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-V 561 Public Human Resource Management (3.0 credits)
- SPEA-V 566 Executive Leadership (3.0 credits)

# DRAFT OCTOBER 2015- MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Criminal Justice

## 48 credit hours

The MPA is a course of study that requires the completion of (1) the MPA core, (2) the concentration requirement, (3) the experiential requirement, and (4) sufficient electives and/or mid-career option credit to total **48 credit hours**.

**EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT:** In order to be awarded the M.P.A. degree, students must obtain professionally relevant experience through an internship in **SPEA-V 585**. This requirement is automatically satisfied if a student is granted **Mid-Career Option** credit.

### MPA CORE: (21 Credit Hours)

Required of all students:				
	Dept	Course	Title	Credit
	SPEA-V	<b>506</b>	Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>517</b>	Public Management Economics	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>540</b>	Law and Public Affairs	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>598</b>	Governing and Leading in a Global Society	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>600</b>	Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs **	3.0
Choose ONE management course				
	SPEA-V	<b>502</b>	Public Management <b>OR</b>	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>525</b>	Management in the Nonprofit Sector	3.0
Choose One financial management course				
	SPEA-V	<b>560</b>	Public Finance and Budgeting <b>OR</b>	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>526</b>	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	3.0

**\*\*NOTE: V600 cannot be taken until all MPA core courses are completed. V600 is only offered as an in-person class and cannot be substituted or transferred in from another university. Plan your schedule accordingly!**

	SPEA-V	<b>585</b>	Internship or Mid Career Option Credit	3.0
		Elective #1		3.0
		Elective #2		3.0

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION: (18 CREDIT HOURS)

Take all four courses

	Dept	Course	Title	Credit
Each of the following:				
	SPEA-J	<b>501</b>	Evolution of Criminological Thought and Policy	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>582</b>	Criminal Justice Systems	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>666</b>	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Policy Evaluation	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>682</b>	Planning & Management for Criminal Justice & Public Safety	3.0

Two courses from following:

	Dept	Course	Title	Credit
Choose two courses				
	SPEA-J	<b>502</b>	Research Methods in Criminal Justice & Public Safety	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>524</b>	Emergency Management	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>528</b>	Risk Analysis for Public Safety	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>531</b>	National and Homeland Security in America	3.0
	SPEA-J	<b>550</b>	Topics in Criminal Justice	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>516</b>	Public Management Information Systems	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>541</b>	Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public and Environmental Policies	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>566</b>	Executive Leadership	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>522</b>	Human Resource Management in Nonprofits <b>OR</b>	3.0
	SPEA-V	<b>561</b>	Public Human Resource Management	3.0
Other courses approved by faculty advisor				

PLUS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COURSES TO MEET THE MINIMUM DEGREE REQUIREMENT OF 48 CREDIT HOURS WITH A 3.0 CUMULATIVE GRADE AVERAGE.

**\*\*Please note that the course rotation is subject to change. Please see your faculty advisor\*\***