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RE: Change to Requirements, Policy Analysis Concentration, Master of Public
Affairs (MPA)

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

Rationale for the Change

The proposed revisions will accomplish three objectives. First, the changes will provide students with a more cohesive set of courses that prepares them to conduct policy analysis. Second, the revisions will simplify and clarify the requirements for the concentration improving the ease of advising. And third, several courses within the “Policy Field” of the concentration are no longer offered and should be removed.

Proposed Change: Policy Analysis Concentration (18 credit hours)

The proposed change adds a new foundational course (Policy Analysis), removes two classes from the list of policy skills courses, and reduces the number of recommended electives from the advising list.

Foundational Courses (6 credits)

SPEA-V 512 Public Policy Process (3credits)
SPEA-V 663 Policy Analysis (3credits)

Policy Analysis Skills Courses (9 credits)

SPEA-V 507 Data Analysis and Modeling for Public Affairs

- SPEA-V 541 Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public and Environmental Policies
- SPEA-V 562 Public Program Evaluation **OR**
- SPEA-J 502 Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Public Affairs

One of the Following Electives (3 credits)

—Select one course with the permission of a faculty advisor. Courses include but are not limited to:

- SPEA-V 520 Environmental Policy Analysis
- SPEA-V 523 Civil Society and Public Policy
- SPEA-V 528 Energy Policy
- SPEA-V 550 Topics in Public Affairs (topics approved by advisor)
- SPEA-V 654 Public Program Management and Contracting
- SPEA-J 666 Criminal Justice Policy and Evaluation

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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**. **All students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be in good standing and graduate.**

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) (Effective Fall 2005)

Dept	Course	Title	Credit
Required of all students:			
SPEA-V	506	Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making	3.0
SPEA-V	517	Public Management Economics	3.0
SPEA-V	540	Law and Public Affairs	3.0
SPEA-V	598	Governing and Leading in a Global Society	3.0
SPEA-V	600	Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs **	3.0
Choose ONE management course			
SPEA-V	502	Public Management OR	3.0
SPEA-V	525	Management in the Nonprofit Sector	3.0
Choose One financial management course			
SPEA-V	560	Public Finance and Budgeting OR	3.0
SPEA-V	526	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	585	Internship or Mid Career Option Credit	3.0
Elective #1			3.0
Elective #2			3.0

POLICY ANALYSIS CONCENTRATION (18 CREDIT HOURS)

Dept	Course	Title	Credit
Required Policy Process Course: (6 credit hours)			
SPEA-V	512	Public Policy Process	3.0
SPEA-V	663	Policy Analysis	3.0
Required Policy Skills Courses: (9 credit hours)			
THREE of the following:			
SPEA-V	507	Data Analysis and Modeling for Public Affairs	3.0
SPEA-V	541	Benefit-Cost Analysis of Public and Environmental Policies	3.0
SPEA-V	562	Public Program Evaluation OR	3.0
SPEA-J	502	Research Methods in Criminal Justice & Public Affairs	3.0
Required Policy Electives: (3 credit hours)			
Select one course with the permission of a faculty advisor. Courses include, but are not limited to, the following:			
SPEA-V	520	Environmental Policy Analysis	3.0
SPEA-V	523	Civil Society and Public Policy	3.0
SPEA-V	550	Topics in Public Affairs (public policy topics approved by advisor)	3.0
SPEA-V	654	Public Program Management and Contracting	3.0
SPEA-J	666	Criminal Justice Policy and Evaluation	3.0

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. This listing is for planning purposes only. Please check with SPEA Graduate Student Services to ensure you are meeting degree requirements.**

Fall Core Classes

V 506
V 517
V 540
V 598
V 600
V 560

Fall Concentration Classes

V 521
V 522
V 557 (every other fall – opposite V 602)
V 602 (every other fall - opposite V 557)
V 544
V 539
V 541
V 547
V 561

Spring Core Classes

V 506
V 517
V540
V 600
V 502
V 560
V 525
V 526

Spring Concentration Classes

V 558
V 559
V 504 (every other spring)
V 516 (every other spring)
V 547
V 562

Summer Core Classes

V 540
V 598