



Master of Science in Urban Studies Student Handbook

Academic Year 2021-2022

School of Public Administration
College of Public Affairs & Community Service

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Welcome

Urban Studies at UNO equips students with the skills and understanding to address many of the most pressing issues facing society today and most of them are urban in nature. We offer a set of core classes building a twin foundation of urban analysis and community engagement. However, because of our belief in an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and our partnership with academic units across campus, students can develop a deeper understanding of the urban environment through a variety of courses and experiences.

Program Procedures

Admissions Requirements

Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis. All materials must be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student has elected to begin coursework. We recommend that prospective students submit application materials 4-6 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which they seek to enroll to ensure time for application processing, review, and communication of decisions.

- The general prerequisite for admission to the Urban Studies program is a four-year bachelors degree with a minimum grade .1 (ekra0 Tw 1. f)Tj 0.0 0 Tw 1.

explanation from the student and a copy of the course syllabus.

Advisement

The MSUS program has an academic advisor. The role of the academic advisor is twofold: (1) to be the point of contact for program and curriculum questions. The academic advisor is the connector for students to faculty, staff, and university resources; and (2) to provide academic support for students as they progress through their program. Together, the academic advisor and the student clarify required courses and electives while mapping the course sequence towards graduation.

All students are required to meet with the academic advisor once during the Fall semester and once during the Spring semester, prior to enrolling in courses for the upcoming semester. These meetings will take place in October (during Fall semester) and in March (during the Spring semester). Each meeting should last approximately 30 minutes.

Program Structure

Master of Science in Urban Studies (MSUS) Program Overview

The mission of the MSUS Program is to lead and engage communities to improve the quality of life in urban environments.

lives and how people live and interact in urban areas. Students will learn about the processes by which institutional actors influence patterns of human interaction for the purpose of improving the quality of life.

Required Course

PSCI 8015 Urban Politics

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Track Course Options | Select Two**

CACT 8650 Writing Across Differences	3	PHHB 8360 Community Health	3
GEOG 8210 Cultural Geography	3	SOC 8100 Social Inequality	3
PA 8090 Organization Theory and Behavior	3	SOC 8106 The Community	3
PA 8520 Seminar in Grant Writing	3	SOC 8200 Society & Health Writing Assignment	3

** This list is not exhaustive. Other courses may apply with approval of program chair.

Elective Courses
(6 credit hours)

Six (6) credit hours of elective courses must be completed in consultation with the student’s advisor.

Capstone
(3 credit hours)

In addition to degree requirements listed above, students enrolled in the MSUS program must complete the Capstone Project Course prior to being awarded their degree (unless the Thesis option is chosen below).

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students cannot take more than 2 courses ending in "5" (8XX5) in their program of study. There is no limit to the number of courses ending in "6" (8XX6), as long as a student has at least half of their program of study of courses ending in "0" (8XX0). Restrictions for Special Topics courses (eg. PA 8896) do apply – see below.

Special Topics Courses

Students are limited to 6 credit hours of Special Topics (PA 8896 or PA 8906) courses in their program of study.

Directed Research in Urban Studies (UBNS 8940)

This is an independent course of study designed for advanced graduate students who want to pursue a specialized aspect of a core or concentration course. Generally, students need to have completed 24 hours in the program to qualify for UNB 8940. (siT-22(3 (ad-]00.9 qr.535

another individual in misrepresenting the academic performance of a student; or communicating information in an unauthorized manner to another person for an academic test, examination or exercise

- Fabrication and falsification. Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in any academic exercise, work, speech, test or examination. Falsification is the alteration of information, while fabrication is the invention or counterfeiting of information.
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