The MPA requires 57 credits: eleven Required courses, three courses in an Area of Emphasis, and five Elective classes. There is not a required course sequence; the information below provides guidance on recommended course sequences and prerequisites. You can track your progress in your Program Evaluation in mySeattleU.

I. Required Courses (33 Credits)

Foundational Courses - recommended in the first year of study
- PUBM5010 Foundations of Public Administration (recommended in first quarter)
- PUBM5110 Understanding Organizations
- PUBM5120 Policy Process (PUBM5010 recommended)
- PUBM5600 Ethics and Society
- PUBM5700 Economic Analysis (PUBM5120 recommended)

Advanced Courses - follow recommendations/prerequisites below or consult with advisor
- PUBM5200 Managing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace
- PUBM5220 Human Resource Management
- PUBM5300 Budgeting and Financial Management (PUBM5700 recommended)
- PUBM5430 Research Design (PUBM5010 and 9 additional credits required; PUBM5120 recommended)
- PUBM5440 Applied Data Analysis (PUBM5430 required; recommended 1-2 quarters after PUBM5430)
- PUBM5900 Capstone in Public Service (45 credits required)

II. Area of Emphasis (9 credits)

Choose Government or Nonprofit Sequence

Government Emphasis
- PUBM5410 Policy Analysis (PUBM5120 recommended)
- PUBM5710 Government Finance (PUBM5700 required; PUBM5300 recommended)
- PUBM5720 Administrative Law

Nonprofit Emphasis
- PUBM5860 Nonprofit Sector in Society
- PUBM5870 Nonprofit Resource Development
- PUBM5880 Nonprofit Governance

III. Program Electives (15 credits)

Choose from MPA electives, courses not taken in Area II above, or talk with advisor about courses in other SU graduate programs

Elective 1:
Elective 2:
Elective 3:
Elective 4:
Elective 5: