University of Colorado Colorado Springs
School of Public Affairs and College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences
Dual MPA/MA in Sociology Degree Plan
As of Fall 2018

THE DUAL MPA/MA IN SOCIOLOGY DEGREE REQUIRES COMPLETION OF A MINIMUM OF 53 CREDIT HOURS

Name:_____Student ID _____Beginning Term _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Email:_____

MPA Core Courses (15 hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
PAD 5001*	Intro to Public Administration and Public Service	3		
PAD 5002	Organizational Management and Behavior	3		
PAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	3		
PAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	3		
PAD 5006	Ethics and Leadership	3		

*PAD 5001 should be taken within the first 2 semesters.

MA in Sociology Core Courses (11-12 hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
SOC 5050*	Proseminar in Sociology	1		
SOC 5160**	Social Theory II	3		
SOC 5070***	Research Methods	4		
AND **one** of these Advanced Methods courses				
SOC 5170	Advanced Statistics and Research	4		
SOC 5180	Community Organization and Analysis (Ethnography)	3		
SOC 5200	Program Evaluation	3		
SOC 5370	Sociology of Media and Popular Culture (Content Analysis)	3		
SOC 5830	Race and Ethnic Relations (Participant Observation)	3		
SOC 5950	Inequality, Crime, and Justice	3		
SOC 5550	Sociology of the Family	3		

*Students are required to take this course in their first fall semester.

**Incoming graduate students who have not taken an undergraduate course in Social Theory are also required to take SOC 5150 Social Theory 1 (1 credit).
***Incoming graduate students who have not taken an undergraduate course in Social Statistics are also required to take SOC 5020 Social Statistics (1 credit).

Please note: Students taking SOC 5020 and/or SOC 5150 as pre-requisites may count these courses towards their degree; however these 1 credit courses may impact the number of elective credits required.

Electives (21-24 hours depending on choice of Capstone or Thesis)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
PAD		3		
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SOC		3		
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Choose at least 6 hours of electives from PAD and at least 6 hours of electives from SOC then 9-12 additional hours from several electives offered by either PAD or SOC. See Academic Catalog for elective offerings. **Please note: Students who took the 1 credit pre-requisites SOC 5020 and/or SOC 5150 may need to adjust the number of electives required.**

Internship (3 hours, unless waived)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
PAD 6910 *	Field Study in Public Admin	3		

*Required of those students lacking significant experience in public service.

Capstone or Thesis (3 - 6 hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
PAD 5361* or PAD 6950 & SOC 7000*	Capstone Seminar or Master's Thesis	3-6		

*This will be your final course and should be taken alone, if possible. All core courses must be complete before enrolling in Capstone or Thesis. Contact your faculty advisor for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACCEPTABLE GRADES

Students enrolled in the dual MPA/MA in Sociology program must maintain academic standards for both programs. Students must earn grades of B- or better in all public administration courses and grades of B or better in all sociology courses. In order to remain in good academic standing and to receive his/her degree, a student is required to maintain at least a B (3.0) GPA, which includes all work required for the MPA degree while taken at UCCS (classified and unclassified) and may differ from the University GPA.

INTERNSHIPS

Students are determined to be "pre-service" or "in-service" by the MPA program director and Sociology graduate program director at the time of admission. Pre-service students lack significant experience in public service and must complete PAD 6910 Internship for an additional 3 credit hours above the minimum 53 credit hours required for the dual degree. In-service students have significant relevant work experience and are not eligible to take PAD 6910. To enroll in PAD 6910, pre-service students must have completed at least 9 hours of coursework. Internship is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Internship guidelines are set forth in the MPA Handbook at http://www.uccs.edu/spa.

CAPSTONE VS THESIS
Please discuss your options with your faculty advisor early in your program. A Capstone/Thesis orientation is held in both the fall and spring. All core courses must be completed before enrolling in Capstone or Thesis.

GRADUATION
Students should meet with their faculty advisor or the Graduate Recruitment and Retention Specialist periodically to ensure they are meeting the requirements for graduation. Please apply for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate. Deadlines and forms are found here: http://www.uccs.edu/~graduateschool/.