

Joint Degrees

Joint BA in Urban Studies/Master of Public Administration

The Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) and Master of Public Administration (MPA) is designed for undergraduates with outstanding academic performance who desire to pursue graduate studies in Public Administration. Students will earn the BAUS upon completion of their undergraduate degree requirements and the MPA degree upon completion of the Master's program requirements with 9 hours of coursework shared between the two degrees.

The requirements for completion of the combined BAUS/MPA degree are identical to the completion of these two separate degrees; however, there are 9 hours of shared coursework used for both degrees. Completion of 111 hours at the undergraduate level; plus 9 shared hours counting toward both the BAUS and MPA degrees; plus 45 hours of coursework at the graduate level will result in joint BAUS and MPA degrees.

Students may submit their intent to apply to the joint degree program when they enter as freshman or when they transfer into the college. They should meet with their undergraduate advisor to plan their courses accordingly. Students must apply to the program their senior year and be accepted by a DGS#led admissions committee. To be eligible, students are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40/4.00 upon application and throughout the remainder of their senior year. After completing their senior year, they must maintain a GPA of at least 3.00 in all graduate coursework.

Joint BA in Urban Studies/Master of Public Policy

The Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) is designed for undergraduates with outstanding academic performance who desire to pursue graduate studies in Public Policy. Students will earn the BAUS upon completion of their undergraduate degree requirements and the MPP degree upon completion of the Master's program requirements with 9 hours of coursework shared between the two degrees.

The requirements for completion of the combined BAUS/MPP degree are identical to the completion of these two separate degrees; however, there are 9 hours of shared coursework used for both degrees. Completion of 111 hours at the undergraduate level; plus 9 shared hours counting toward both the BAUS and MPP degrees; plus 45 hours of coursework at the graduate level will result in joint BAUS and MPP degrees.

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Joint BA in Urban Studies/Master of Urban Planning and Policy

The Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) and Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP) is designed for undergraduates with outstanding academic performance who desire to pursue graduate studies in Urban Planning and Policy. Students will earn both a BAUS and a MUPP degree upon completion, with 9 hours of coursework shared between the two degrees.

The requirements for completion of the combined BAUS/MUPP degree are identical to the completion of these two separate degrees; however, there are 9 hours of shared coursework used for both degrees. Completion of 111 hours at the undergraduate level; plus 9 shared hours counting toward both the BAUS and MUPP degrees; plus 51 hours of coursework at the graduate level will result in joint BAUS/MUPP degrees. Students who are admitted to the joint program use up to three 400-level BAUS courses to fulfill 9 hours of MUPP elective requirements. An advisor must approve these courses.

Students may apply to the joint degree program when they enter as freshmen, but must comply with all other requirements for admission to the BAUS program and have an exceptional record; others may apply when they transfer or at any time before their senior year provided that they have a minimum GPA of 3.40. All students must have a minimum GPA of 3.40 upon completion of their BAUS coursework, and must maintain an average GPA of at least 3.00 in all graduate courses. Should students accepted to the joint degree program fall below this average, they will be placed on academic notice for a semester and will remain in the program only if they bring their average back to the required minimum.

Joint BA in Urban Studies/MS in Civic Analytics

The Joint Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) and Master of Science in Civic Analytics (MSCA) is designed for undergraduates with outstanding academic performance who desire to pursue graduate studies in Civic Analytics. Students will earn the BAUS upon completion of their undergraduate degree requirements and the MSCA degree upon completion of the master's program requirements with 9 hours of coursework shared between the two degrees.

The requirements for completion of the combined BAUS/MSCA degree are identical to the completion of these two separate degrees; however, there are 9 hours of shared coursework used for both degrees. Completion of 111 hours at the undergraduate level; plus 9 shared hours counting toward both the BAUS and MSCA degrees; plus 46 hours of coursework at the graduate level will result in joint BAUS and MSCA degrees.

Students may apply to start the joint program when they enter as freshmen, but must comply with all other requirements for admission to the BAUS program and have an exceptional record; others may apply when they transfer or at any time before their senior year provided that they have a minimum GPA of 3.40. All students must have a minimum GPA of 3.40 upon completing their undergraduate coursework and beginning their graduate coursework. They must maintain an average GPA of at least 3.00 in all graduate courses. Should students accepted to the joint degree program fall below this average, they will be on academic notice for a semester and will remain in the program only if they bring their average back to the required minimum.