

The below curriculum outlines the requirements of the concurrent Master of Urban and Environmental Planning (MUEP)/Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Students are strongly advised to take graduate coursework in the order described. **Most MUEP classes are offered only once per year (Fall only or Spring only).** If students need to deviate from the below plan, contact the MUEP or MPA Program Coordinator to review options.

### Year One

*Fall (12.0 credits graduate level coursework; 3.0 credits shared\* between MUEP and MPA)*

	<b>Credits</b>
<b>PUP 501</b> Planning History and Theory	3.0
<b>PUP 571</b> Quantitative Methods for Planners	3.0
<b>PAF 503</b> Public Affairs	3.0
<b>Approved PAF Graduate Elective*:</b>	3.0

*Spring (12.0 credits graduate level coursework; 3.0 credits shared\* between MUEP and MPA)*

<b>PUP 579</b> Qualitative Methods for Planners	3.0
<b>PUP 544</b> Urban Land Use Planning	3.0
<b>PAF 501</b> Public Service Research I*	3.0
<b>PAF 508</b> Organization Behavior	3.0

### Year Two

*Fall (12.0 credits graduate level coursework; 3.0 credits shared\* between MUEP and MPA)*

<b>PAF 502</b> Public Service Research II	3.0
<b>PAF 507</b> Public Human Resources Management	3.0
<b>PUP 520</b> Planning Practice, Ethics & Processes	3.0
<b>Choose one:</b>	
<b>PUP 642</b> Urban and Regional Economic Analysis* <b>OR</b>	3.0
<b>PAF 504</b> Microeconomics of Public Policy I*	3.0

*Spring (12.0 credits graduate level coursework)*

<b>PUP 531</b> Planning & Development Control Law	3.0
<b>PUP 576</b> GIS Workshop for Planners	3.0
<b>PAF 505</b> Public Policy Analysis	3.0
<b>PAF 506</b> Public Budgeting and Finance	3.0

**Year Three**

*Fall (12.0 credits graduate level coursework; 9.0 credits shared\* between MUEP and MPA)*

<b>Approved PAF or MUEP Graduate Elective*:</b>	3.0
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<b>Approved MUEP Graduate Elective*:</b>	3.0
<b>Approved PAF Graduate Elective:</b>	3.0

*Spring (11.0-12.0 credits graduate level coursework)*

<b>PAF 509</b> Public Affairs Capstone	3.0
<b>PUP 542</b> Environmental Planning	3.0
<b>MUEP Culminating Experience (choose one):</b>	
<b>PUP 580</b> Planning Workshop <b>OR</b>	5.0
<b>PUP 593</b> Applied Project <b>OR</b>	5.0
<b>PUP 599</b> Thesis	6.0

**Total credits required for concurrent MUEP/MPA degree 71.0**

\* Courses indicated with an asterisk are shared between the MUEP and MPA plans of study. **No more than 18.0 credits may be shared between the plans of study.**

**MUEP Core and Other Requirements**

The listed classes are required and cannot be waived or substituted, with the exception of PUP 542 and PUP 576.

PUP 542 may be waived for students who took PUP 442 as part of their ASU undergraduate coursework. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 542 must be chosen from the [Approved Environmental Planning Courses](#) list.

PUP 576 may be waived with ample GIS experience. A formal education (degree, certificate, minor) in GIS or specific ASU undergraduate coursework (GIS 211 and/or GIS 311) automatically qualifies students for the waiver. Any other circumstances (other coursework, internship, volunteer, or work experience) must be petitioned. Submit the [Course Waiver](#) form to check for waiver eligibility. A substitute course for PUP 576 must be chosen from the [Approved Method Course](#) list.

**MUEP Electives**

Any graduate level GCU, GIS, GPH, or PUP course may be taken as elective. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken, but must be approved by the department if they are not on the [Approved MUEP Electives](#) list. Submit the [Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses](#) form to request approval. Electives may be taken at any time; the outline above is a guideline for distributing enrollment equitably

throughout four semesters. **A maximum of 6.0 credits of 400-level coursework may be included on the plan of study but must be approved by the Associate Director of Planning.**

Contact the MPA Program Coordinator for approved PAF electives.

### **MUEP Culminating Experience**

Culminating experience options are a traditional capstone PUP 580 Planning Workshop (5.0 credits), a professional project PUP 593 Applied Project (5.0 credits), or a thesis PUP 599 Thesis (6.0 credits).

Students electing to do an Applied Project or Thesis must have their Applied Project Scoping Statement or Thesis Proposal signed by all committee members on file to proceed by the time they 1) have earned 75% of the credits required for the MUEP and 2) expect to enroll in their final semester, including the culminating experience credits. Students who do not meet these criteria must 1) change their Plan of Study degree requirements to PUP 580 Planning Workshop culminating experience and 2) enroll the next semester that it is offered.

### **Time to Completion**

The MUEP/MPA degree is designed to be completed in three years, with a minimum 12.0 credit hours taken per semester (Fall and Spring enrollment only). Fewer hours may be taken but will prolong the time to degree completion.

Graduate Student Forms are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/graduate-student-forms>

Approved Elective, Methods, and Environmental Planning Course lists are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/plans-study-and-graduate-programs-handbook>