

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
School of Public Affairs
Dual MPA/MCJ Degree Plan
As of Fall 2018
54 total credit hours required

Name: _____ Student ID _____ Beginning Term _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Email: _____

MCJ Core Courses:

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CJ 5001	Criminal Justice Systems, Policy and Practice	3		
CJ 5002	Criminological Theory	3		
CJ 5007	Violence	3		

MPA Core Courses:

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. ** PAD 5006 is cross-listed with CJ 5552.

Research Methods:

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CJ 5003	Research and Analytic Methods	3		

* CJ 5003 should not be taken in the first semester of study.

Electives (18-24 hours depending on need of internship and whether student takes Capstone or Thesis option. At least 6 elective hours must be CJ):

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CJ		3		
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Choose at least 6 hours of CJ electives and then 12-18 add'l hours from several electives offered by the School of Public Affairs. See *Academic Catalog* or uccs.edu/spa for electives offerings.

Internship (unless waived):

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CJ/PAD 6910 *	Internship	3		

**Required of those students lacking significant experience in public administration and/or criminal justice.*

Capstone or Thesis:

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CJ/PAD 5361 or CJ/PAD 6950 *	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 INFORMATIONACCEPTABLE GRADES

Grades of B- or better are required in all courses applied to the program for those students beginning in Fall 2016 catalog or later. Grades of B- or better are required in core courses and Capstone/Thesis; and C or better in electives for those students beginning in an earlier catalog. 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 Dual MPA/MCJ degree while taken at UCCS (classified and unclassified) and may differ from the University GPA.

REPEATING COURSES

A student who receives a grade below B in a course may repeat that course once, with the approval of the MPA or MCJ program director, provided the course has not been previously applied toward a degree. The grade received in a repeated course may substitute for the original grade and only the latter grade will be used in calculating the student's MPA/MCJ GPA for graduation; however, all grades received during the student graduate school experience will appear on the student's transcript and will be used in calculating the student's UCCS GPA.

CERTIFICATES

Students may choose to focus electives so as to earn one or more graduate certificates concurrently with the Dual MPA/MCJ degree. Graduate certificates available to Dual MPA/MCJ students through UCCS include: Nonprofit Management; Homeland Security and Emergency Management Leadership; National Security Intelligence; and Grant Writing, Management, and Program Evaluation. You must submit a Certificate Declaration form to Crista Hill in the School of Public Affairs in order to pursue a certificate(s).

INTERSHIPS

Pre-service students (those without sufficient professional work experienced in a public administration or criminal justice field) are also required to complete a three-credit internship course. The director of each program examines the student's application to the program and determines whether an internship is appropriate or should be waived. Students are notified of this decision in their admission letter. Students who believe vital experiences have been overlooked may ask the MPA and/or MCJ program director to reconsider the decision by submitting a written request. The internship course is not available for in-service students.

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 and is open to all School of Public Affairs graduate students. 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/>.