



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

SOC/MPA Shared Credit Degree Program

STEPS - Undergrad to Graduate

STEP #1 Apply to the SOC/MPA Shared Credit Program typically **at the end of a student's first semester of junior year**. Since student schedules vary, academic records for all Sociology students are reviewed at the end of each academic semester in order to identify students who have satisfied SOC/MPA Shared Credit criteria. Students wishing to participate in SOC/MPA Shared Credit Program may then apply for admission to the Master of Public Administration program.

STEP #2 Student completes BA (Major in Sociology) requirements by senior year. This includes completing all general education, lower and upper-division, and Sociology major course work. The Sociology program will determine that all BA degree requirements have been met.

STEP #3 Student completes six MPA 500-level courses during senior year. Upon completion of all the undergraduate requirements, the student will **receive a BA in Sociology**. The student will **then be formally admitted into the MPA Program** to continue his/her graduate studies. **Please see suggested timeline*

STEP #4 The student prepares a MPA Study Plan worksheet with the SPA Academic Advisor, which documents course work to be completed during the MPA program. **The student completes MPA course work in accordance with the student's MPA Study Plan worksheet.**

STEP #5 The student will **complete a Program of Studies** to be filed with the Office of Graduate Studies.

STEP #6 Once MPA course work is completed, the **student completes the MPA capstone component**. The component may be a Thesis (Plan I), Professional Paper (Plan II) or a Course (Plan III).

STEP #7 Student graduates with a Master of Public Administration degree.

Questions/Concerns

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