

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Academic Goals

The graduate program of the Department of Public Administration is designed to prepare students for careers in the public service, university teaching and advanced research in public administration and public policy.

Fields of Study

- Master's Degree Program
 - Public Administration
 - Policy Analysis
- Doctoral Degree Programs
 - Public Administration
 - Policy Studies
- Master/Ph.D. Integrated Program
 - Public Administration
 - Policy Studies

Degree Requirements

1. This bylaws designates for requirement of "Graduate Department of Public Administration and bylaws, and requirement for degree of M.A., Ph.D and Master/Ph.D."
2. The M.A. program offers two fields of specialization (Public Administration and Policy Analysis), and the Ph.D. and Master/Ph.D. Integrated Program offers two fields of specialization (Public Administration and Policy Studies).
3. Prerequisite courses designated by academic advisor
 - 1) All M.A. and Ph.D. students should complete up to three prerequisite undergraduate courses designated by their academic advisor. Academic advisor may exempt prerequisites according to the level of preparation of individual students.
 - 2) Prerequisite courses designated by academic advisor are required course credits, which should be obtained in addition to regular course credits.
 - 3) All Master/Ph.D. students must fulfill the corresponding requirements of the Ph.D. programs.
4. The curriculum consists of four focus fields: Governance and Institutions; Public Management; Policy Studies; Methodology.
5. Major Required
 - 1) M.A. and Ph.D.(Including Master/Ph.D.) students must complete Research Methods and Advanced Quantitative Analysis I with a grade of B or better before they submit an M.A. or Ph.D. thesis, respectively. In addition to the two required courses, students in Policy Analysis specialization of M.A. are required to complete Policy Analysis and one of the following method courses: Advanced Quantitative Analysis II, Advanced Quantitative Analysis III, Qualitative Research Method, and Case Study Method. Ph.D. students who have completed Research Methods and Advanced Quantitative Analysis I with a grade of B or better in the M.A. program of this Department are exempt from this requirement.
 - 2) M.A. students in Public Administration and Policy Analysis specializations must complete 24 and 27 credits at the minimum respectively, including 18 or more credits offered by the Department of Public Administration.
 - 3) Ph.D. students must complete **30** credits at the minimum including **24** or more credits offered by the Department of Public Administration.
 - 4) Master/Ph.D. students must complete **48** credits at the minimum including **33** or more credits offered by the Department of Public Administration.
 - 5) Both M.A. and Ph.D.(Including Master/Ph.D.) students must complete two or more courses instructed in English.
 - 6) **Both M.A. and Ph.D.(Including Master/Ph.D.) students must complete Research Integrity and Academic Writing for Social Sciences (1 credit) offered by the College of Political Science and Economics.**
6. Comprehensive Examination
 - 1) M.A. students must choose four courses from two different fields. Students should not choose more than two courses in one field.
 - 2) M.A. students can take comprehensive examination no more than three times during the period of attendance. In order to pass, M.A. students must receive the average score of 70 or higher in each field and the score of 60 or higher in each course.
 - 3) Comprehensive examination for Ph.D. students consists of two parts: the field examination and the major examination. For the field examination, Ph.D. students must choose one course from the field of Methodology and one course from a field which is not a student's major field. In order to pass, Ph.D. students must receive the score of 70 or higher for each course. For the major examination, each student's Ph.D. Dissertation Committee selects a major field out of the four fields as described in Article 4 and prepares questions.
 - 4) Ph.D. students can take comprehensive examination no more than four times during the

period of attendance. The Ph.D. major comprehensive exam operation guide governs all the steps and procedures of the major comprehensive for Ph.D. students.

- 5) In principle, students should not choose required courses and special seminars for the examination and must choose their examination courses from those courses they complete. M.A. in Policy Analysis students can choose courses from the courses required only for M.A. in Policy Analysis students as specified in Article 5, Clause 1.
- 6) M.A. students who cannot meet the requirements of Article 6, Clause 1` and/or want to take the examinations in courses they did not take, must obtain an approval from the Department Administration Committee.
- 7) A faculty member who teaches a course submits examination questions for it. When the faculty member is unable to submit questions because he/she is on leave or for other reasons, another faculty member may submit examination questions on his/her behalf.
- 8) Master/Ph.D. students can take comprehensive examination refer to 6. 3)~7).

7. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

- 1) A Ph.D. student's academic advisor organizes a Ph.D. Dissertation Committee (hereinafter "committee") considering the student's research interests. A Ph.D. student's academic advisor chairs the committee and two full time faculty members of the public administration department serve as committee members.
 - 2) Ph.D. students can apply for dissertation proposal defense only after he/she completes all the requirements of comprehensive examination as described in §6(3) and acquire (or is scheduled to acquire in the same semester) the required course credits as described in §5(3) can apply for the dissertation proposal defense.
 - 3) The committee must make a decision for the dissertation proposal defense within the semester that the proposal is submitted. The committee chair must submit the proposal defense report to the graduate program director of the department within the semester that the proposal defense is held.
 - 4) Students can apply for the dissertation oral defense in the next semester after successfully completing the dissertation proposal defense.
 - 5) Master/Ph.D. students can apply for the dissertation proposal defense and the dissertation oral defense refer to 7. 1)~4).
8. Before submitting an application for dissertation oral defense to the Office of Graduate School, Ph.D.(Including Master/Ph.D.) students must have a published or a forthcoming paper in an internationally renowned SSCI-listed journal or an NRF-listed journal. In case of a journal article that does not expressly indicate the main author, the student's academic advisor must confirm that the research has been conducted mainly by the student. Only one person is officially recognized as the main author for one paper.

Addendum

Since March 1st 2006, these bylaws have applied retrospectively to all the students enrolled in the graduate programs (M.A., Ph.D., and M.A. and Ph.D.) in the Department.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all students from September 1, 2009.

Article2. Same with Clause 9 above.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all incoming students from Spring 2010.

Article2.

- ① Students who were enrolled in graduate programs before the enforcement date are subject to the old curriculum.
- ② Students subject to the old curriculum may choose to be subject to the new curriculum.
- ③ Students who are subject to the old curriculum should complete Quantitative Analysis 1 or Quantitative Analysis 2.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all incoming students from Spring 2013.

Article2.

- ① Students who were enrolled in graduate programs before the enforcement date are subject to the old curriculum.
- ② Students subject to the old curriculum may choose to be subject to the new curriculum.
- ③ Students who are subject to the old curriculum (until fall 2009) should complete Research Methods. Students who are subject to the old curriculum (Spring 2010 - fall 2012) should complete Research Methods.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all incoming students from Spring 2015.

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Article2.

- ① The changed bylaws(Article5, Article6, and Article7) apply to all students, who are subject to the old curriculum.
- ② Since Quantitative Analysis 1 opens once a year, students, who did not take the course, can replace the similar courses if the professor, who teaches the course, approves. If the professor is unable to approve it, the department chair, instead, can approve it.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all incoming students from Spring 2016.

Article2. Students subject to the old requirements of comprehensive examination and Ph.D. dissertation committee may choose to be subject to the revised requirements as stated in Articles 6 and 7 of the new bylaws, if students are willing to do so.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all incoming students from Spring 2020.

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Article2. Students subject to the old requirements of comprehensive examination and Ph.D. dissertation committee may choose to be subject to the revised requirements as stated in Articles 6 and 7 of the new bylaws, if students are willing to do so.

Article3. Students may exempt from the field examination in case they are granted one year permission after exceeding the deadline for submitting Ph.D. dissertation. This is true only for the students who passed the comprehensive examination while they were Ph.D. students.

Article1. These bylaws apply to all students from March 1, 2021.