

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION (EXEC), MPA

Individualized Concentration

Students have the option to design an individualized concentration if none of the standard concentrations align with their interests. An individualized concentration consists of two elective courses and a capstone project tailored to the student's interests. Individualized concentration proposals will be reviewed and approved by the Fels Academic Committee. Any Fels Exec MPA students who do not select one of the standard concentrations must have an individualized concentration.

Curriculum

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses		
GAFL 6120	Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis	1
GAFL 6222	Economic Principles of Public Policy	1
GAFL 6410	Program Evaluations & Data Analysis	1
GAFL 6520	Financial Management of Public and Nonprofit Organizations	1
GAFL 7330	Public Management (MPA Executive Section)	1
GAFL 6300	Public Law and Public Process (Executive)	1
GAFL 7980	MPA Capstone I	0
GAFL 7990	MPA Capstone II	1
Electives		
Select 3 electives		3
Total Course Units		10

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Political Advocacy Concentration

The Political Advocacy concentration allows EMPA students to develop their communication skills, deepen their understanding of government relations and the policy process, and learn how to engage diverse stakeholders to achieve change.

Curriculum

The Political Advocacy concentration requires students to fulfill all of the requirements for the Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Additionally, as part of those requirements, the student must complete two elective courses in the Political Advocacy concentration area AND complete a capstone project related to Political Advocacy in some form.

At least one of the two elective courses must be a Fels (GAFL) elective course. Students may count up to one non-Fels course towards the concentration as long as the course has been pre-approved by the Fels Academic Committee.

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Domestic Policy Concentration

The Domestic Policy Concentration equips EMPA students with the skills they need to analyze and assess policy in the U.S. context.

Curriculum

The Domestic Policy concentration requires students to fulfill all of the requirements for the Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Additionally, as part of those requirements, the student must complete two elective courses in the Domestic Policy concentration area AND complete a capstone project on a domestic affairs policy topic. At least one of the two elective courses must be a Fels (GAFL) elective course. Students may count up to one non-Fels course towards the concentration as long as the course has been pre-approved by the Fels Academic Committee.

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Non-Profit Management Concentration

The Non-Profit Management Concentration equips EMPA students with the skills they need to lead and manage a non-profit organization.

Curriculum

The Non-Profit Management concentration requires students to fulfill all of the requirements for the Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Additionally, as part of those requirements, the student must complete two elective courses in the Non-profit management concentration area AND complete a capstone project for a non-profit organization. At least one of the two elective courses must be a Fels (GAFL) elective course. Students may count up to one non-Fels course towards the concentration as long as the course has been pre-approved by the Fels Academic Committee.

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International Affairs Concentration

The International Affairs Concentration equips MPA students with the skills they need to engage in international relations work and public sector administration in a global context.

Curriculum

The International Affairs concentration requires students to fulfill all of the requirements for the Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Additionally, as part of those requirements, the student must complete two elective courses in the International Affairs concentration area AND complete a capstone project for an embassy, international agency, non-US government department/office, or global NGO or on an international affairs topic. At least one of the two elective courses must be a Fels (GAFL) elective course. Students may count up to one non-Fels course towards the concentration as long as the course has been pre-approved by the Fels Academic Committee.

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Data Analytics Concentration

The Data Analytics concentration allows EMPA students to develop their skills in data gathering, data analysis, data visualization and data presentation.

Curriculum

The Data Analytics concentration requires students to fulfill all of the requirements for the Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Additionally, as part of those requirements, the student must complete two elective courses in the Data Analytics concentration area AND complete a capstone project involving data analysis. At least one of the two elective courses must be a Fels (GAFL) elective course. Students may count up to one non-Fels course towards the concentration as long as the course has been pre-approved by the Fels Academic Committee.

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