



MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
University President

From: Linda L. Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: August 31, 2021

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2021-02(B) – Creation of a Master of Public Administration (MPA)/Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Dual Degree, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Department of Political Science

The Faculty Senate, at its August 25, 2021, meeting, had no objections to the approval of the creation of the of a Master of Public Administration (MPA)/Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Dual Degree, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Department of Political Science as outlined in the enclosed proposal.

The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

LLN/rh

Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Executive Vice President and Provost
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Olena Antonaccio, Professor, Director, MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences
Jonathan West, Professor, Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2021-02(B) – Creation of a Master of Public Administration (MPA)/Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Dual Degree, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Department of Political Science

PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED: _____ DATE: 9/17/21
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(pending any additional approval by the Board of Trustees)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

Date Submitted: 11/11/20 10:17 pm

Viewing: **MPA Public Admin/MS in Criminology & Crim Justice**

Dual Degree :

Last edit: 03/30/21 4:59 pm

Changes proposed by: Maryann Tobin (m.tatum)

Please list the authors of this proposal including name, rank/title, program/department, and school.

Proposer(s) Name

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Career Graduate

Academic Structure

School/ College	Department
College of Arts and Sciences	Sociology and Criminology
College of Arts and Sciences	Political Science

Plan Type Dual/Joint Degree

Proposed Plan Code PACR_MPA

Proposed CIP Code 44.9999 - Public Administration and Social Service Professions, Other.

Plan Name MPA Public Admin/MS in Criminology & Crim Justice Dual Degree

Will there be any subcomponents within the program such as concentrations, specializations, thesis/non-thesis options, or tracks?

Yes

Subcomponents

Subcomponent Type	Subcomponent Name
Thesis Option	MS Thesis Option
Non-Thesis Option	MS Non-Thesis Option

Effective Term Fall 2021

In Workflow

1. PG University Accreditation
2. PG SOC Chair
3. PG POL Chair
4. PG AS Faculty
5. PG AS Dean
6. PG GR School Council
8. PG GR Dean
9. PG FS Office for GWC
10. PG FS GWC
11. PG Faculty Senate
12. PG FS for President
13. PG FS President Approved
14. PG Registrar

Approval Path

1. 11/11/20 12:25 pm
Patty Murphy (pxm491): Rollback to Initiator
2. 02/07/21 10:34 pm
Patty Murphy (pxm491): Approved for PG University Accreditation
3. 02/08/21 10:41 am
Alexis Piquero (axp1954): Approved for PG SOC Chair
4. 02/08/21 11:01 am
Patty Murphy (pxm491): Rollback to PG SOC Chair for PG POL Chair
5. 02/08/21 11:02 am
Alexis Piquero (axp1954): Approved for PG SOC Chair

First Term Valid Fall 2021

Program Instruction Mode In Person

Where is the program offered?

Location	Please provide the % of instruction at each location.
Coral Gables Campus	100

Program Length (Years) 2.5

Total Credits 60

- 6. 02/08/21 11:26 am
Gregory Koger
(j.koger): Approved for PG POL Chair
- 7. 02/08/21 12:09 pm
Maryann Tobin
(m.tatum): Approved for PG AS Faculty
- 8. 03/05/21 11:36 am
Leonidas Bachas
(l.bachas): Approved for PG AS Dean
- 9. 03/09/21 1:23 pm
Tiffany Plantan
(tplantan): Approved for PG GR School
- 10. 03/30/21 6:15 pm
Tiffany Plantan
(tplantan): Approved for PG Graduate Council
- 11. 04/25/21 11:19 am
Guillermo Prado
(gprado): Approved for PG GR Dean

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Program Overview

The College of Arts & Sciences' Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology offer a dual Master of Public Administration (MPA)/Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice (MSCCJ) degree. This program provides provide students with an interest in both criminal justice and public administration an opportunity to obtain two degrees in an accelerated fashion.

Masters of Public Administration (MPA) program prepares public service officials in government and nonprofit organizations, as well as develops management skills essential to public and nonprofit organizations oriented towards a diverse metropolitan environment.

The M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice provides training in fundamentals of the criminal justice system and criminological theory, as well as foundational training in research methods and statistics.

Program Mission Statement

N/A

Program Goals

N/A

Student Learning Outcomes

Effective programs focus on the design and improvement of educational experiences to enhance student learning. Expected student learning outcomes specify the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes students are expected to attain in the program. Please include an educational mission statement for the program, educational goals/objectives for the program, and specific student learning outcomes that you will use to assess the program. Student learning outcomes should start with "Students will be able to..." or "Students will demonstrate..." or similar phrasing.

N/A

Curriculum Requirements

The dual MPA/MSCCJ program requires a total of 60 credits, comprised of MPA and MSCCJ core courses, the 3-credit MPA Internship and the 6-credit MSCCJ Completion Track (either an internship with an accompanying paper, or a comprehensive exam and preparation, or Master's thesis).

Students may elect to combine their MPA Internship (400 hours) and MSCCJ Internship (300 hours, plus writing an internship research paper) into one year-long experience that combines elements of both programs with faculty approval.

MPA Requirements:

Core Courses 24 credits

Specialization Courses 12 credits

Internship 3 credits.

MSCCJ Requirements:

Core Courses 15 credits

Completion Track 6 credits

Course Requirements for the MPA/MSCCJ Dual Degree:

MPA Core Courses

POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3

MPA Specialization Courses

12

Students select an additional four courses from those listed below, with at least one course from each of the subfields:

Organizational Management and Leadership

POL 619	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management
POL 635	Comparative Legal Systems
POL 654	Politics and Ethics
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law

Organizational Security Management

POL 687	Illicit Trade in the Global Economy - COURSE PROPOSAL IN PROGRESS
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Equity, Ethics, and Legal Issues in Public Administration

POL 626	Administrative Law
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business and Non-Profit Organization.
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law

Equity and Diversity in Public Administration

Issues in Judicial Politics

Issues in Public Policy and Administration

POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law

Bureaucratic Politics

Money, Power, and Politics in American Cities

MPA Internship

<u>POL 656</u>	Public Service Internship	3
MSCCJ Core Courses		
<u>SOC 670</u>	Theories in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
<u>SOC 673</u>	The Criminal Justice System	3
<u>SOC 677</u>	Criminology and Public Policy	3
<u>SOC 609</u>	Social Statistics	3
<u>SOC 610</u>	Advanced Research Methods	3
MSCCJ Completion Track: Non-Thesis or Thesis Option		6
<u>SOC 791</u>	Graduate Internship and Paper (Comprehensive exam and preparation OR MS Thesis)	
<u>SOC 810</u>	Master's Thesis	
Total Credit Hours		60

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

Plan of Study Grid

Year One

Fall		Credit Hours
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
SOC 609	Social Statistics	3
SOC 673	The Criminal Justice System	3
	Credit Hours	12
Spring		
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
SOC 670	Theories in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
SOC 610	Advanced Research Methods	3
	Credit Hours	12
Summer		
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
	POL Specialization Course	3
	POL Specialization Course	3
	Credit Hours	9

Year Two

Fall		
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
SOC 791 or 810	Graduate Internship and Paper or Master's Thesis	6
	Credit Hours	12
Spring		
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
SOC 677	Criminology and Public Policy	3
	Credit Hours	9
Summer		
	POL Specialization Course	3
	POL Specialization Course	3
	Credit Hours	6
	Total Credit Hours	60

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include:

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution

Demonstration through undergraduate academic record the academic competence to complete a rigorous graduate program

A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and/or a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework and/or 3.0 in graduate coursework

Three letters of recommendation

International Students (in addition to the above requirements): A passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS or successful completion of the Intensive English Program offered by DCIE.

Rationale

Rationale

The College of Arts & Sciences' Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology seek to offer a dual Master of Public Administration (MPA)/Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice (MSCCJ) program. Both of these programs are successful professional degree programs within the College of Arts and Sciences, and both programs have a history of shared electives. There is strong interest, particularly from students interested in working in criminal justice administration and the security sector, to have a more formalized opportunity to be credentialed in the areas of administration, management, policy, and leadership, which are offered through the MPA program.

The MPA/MSCCJ dual degree is designed for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of both the spheres of policy, administration, and leadership as well as criminology and criminal justice. In addition to the professional advantage of studying public administration as part of UM's successful and highly regarded MPA program, students will benefit from the different perspectives on criminal justice and crime offered by the MSCCJ program, including coursework on the criminal justice system, crime, security and public policy, and theories in criminology and criminal justice. This dual program is unique in that it combines theory and practice in organization, management, and administration of criminal justice and crime and security across a variety of social science perspectives.

The proposed MPA/MSCCJ degree will provide students with an interest in both public administration and criminal justice and criminology an opportunity to obtain two degrees in an accelerated fashion. Both programs have an established reputation in providing career training and internship opportunities with local, state, and government agencies as well as the non-profit and private sectors. Additionally, there is a growing demand for individuals with skills in budgeting, human resources management, program planning, security management, and criminal justice administration and policy. A dual MPA/MSCCJ program would provide graduates with a well-rounded career basis to succeed in both criminal justice and public administration.

Additionally, other universities in Florida (e.g., Florida International University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida) offer dual degrees in Public Administration and Criminal Justice. Given the positioning of the University of Miami as one of the leaders in graduate education in the state, it is important for the University to provide an opportunity to earn this type of dual degree. Furthermore, Miami itself represents a unique setting for this type of graduate study and, most importantly, the community where expertise in both public administration and criminal justice is urgently needed. This dual degree program is another opportunity to highlight UM as synergistic center for educational innovation, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.

Market Demand

Dual degrees, such as the proposed MPA/MAIA degree, have become increasingly popular in today's graduate landscape. Dual degrees confer many educational, professional, financial, and time-saving benefits. Also, part of the appeal are the broad alumni networks and employment opportunities and the optimization of the students' investments of time and money.

Dual degree programs offer an interdisciplinary education that can both diversify and specialize students' training and knowledge. Students are drawn to the appeal of finding a niche career where they can combine knowledge from two disciplines and the option of establishing themselves as competitive candidates with qualifications in more than one area. *Idealist* notes that degree which combined human rights content knowledge and public policy training are among the most sought after for students pursuing a dual degree.

Graduates of the MPA and MSCCJ programs have gone on to occupy numerous positions in such prestigious placements as the United Nations, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Miami-Dade law enforcement agencies, the AFL-CIO, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, Morgan Stanley, and the U.S. Congress.

Relationship to Other Programs

The MPA program at UM already offers dual degrees with other programs across the university including the Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Arts in International Administration (MAIA), and Juris Doctorate (JD). This dual degree option will be jointly overseen by the closely-associated College of Arts & Sciences' Departments of Political Science and Sociology.

Relationship to Undergraduate and Professional Programs

Both the Department of Political Science (POL) and the Department of Sociology (SOC) offer undergraduate majors. POL has majors in political science and public administration. SOC offers majors in sociology and criminology. These majors could feed into this dual degree program. In addition, both the MPA and the MSCCJ work closely with the College's other professional master's degree programs, including the M.A. in International Administration, to engage in joint events, networking seminars, and the shared Interdisciplinary and Professional Graduate Student Organization (IPS-GSO).

Library Resources Available and Needed to Support the Program

As both of these degree programs already exist, no additional library resources are needed to support this program.

Laboratory Facilities, Equipment, and Space Available and Needed to Support the Program

As both of these degree programs already exist, no additional space or equipment is needed to support this program.

Other Resources Available or Needed to Support the Program

The MPA program is a member of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). Unlike Public Administration programs which are members of NASPAA, their official accreditation agency, there is no such analog for either criminology or sociology.

Curriculum

Program Curriculum

The dual MPA/MSCCJ degree will be administered by the College of Arts & Sciences' Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology. No curricular changes are expected and both the MPA program and the MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice are established graduate programs, able to handle this additional dual degree option without additional resources. As with students in the standalone MPA and MSCCJ programs, dual degree students will have access to all existing events, resources, seminars, and advising within the Departments of Political Science and Sociology.

Upload Syllabi for Any New Courses

Proposed Schedule of Course Offerings for the First Three Years

All courses in this proposed dual degree program are existing courses taught on load by faculty in the POL and SOC departments. Any overloads have already been budgeted for through the departments and no additional courses are expected.

Faculty

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Students

Applicant Pool

The MPA program has a successful recruiting pipeline of variety of students including professional students from private and government organizations, and undergraduates from Political Science and Business. Similarly, MSCCJ, while still very new, has a record of attracting students from a wide range of undergraduate majors including Criminology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, and Political Science. Both MPA and MSCCJ programs have a history of attracting students from government sectors, including the military. The University of Miami is also a participant in the Yellow Ribbon GI Enhancement Program. This provision of the post-9/11 GI Bill helps cover the expenses for earning a Master's degree for qualifying service personnel from the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, the recent listing of the online MPA program as one of Successfulstudent.org's top 30 online MPA programs has enhanced the reputation and appeal of this already robust program.

Enrollment Projections

Given the larger course load of a dual degree program, we estimate 3-5 students enrolled at any given time.

Teaching or Research Assistants

As both of these programs are master's degree programs, no teaching or research assistantships will be available.

Administration

Program Administration

The dual MPA/MSCCJ degree will be administered by the College of Arts & Sciences' Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology. No additional staff will be needed.

Budget

Program Budget

The program is designed to be self-supporting through those tuition revenues returned to the MPA and MSCCJ programs. No new personnel will be needed to staff this degree. A maximum of six (6) graduate credits may be transferred into the program. Veterans may apply for Yellow Ribbon/GI Bill financial assistance through the Veterans Affairs office.

Comparison

Peer Comparisons

Several highly-ranked peer MPA programs across the country have engaged in cross-disciplinary dual degrees (University of Michigan, UNC, Harvard, Columbia, Brown) in areas of law, business, public health, and regional studies.

Documents

Attach Supporting Documentation

Reviewer	Patty Murphy (pxm491) (02/07/21 10:34 pm): The proposed dual degree program involves two currently approved programs, meets the minimum program length of 60 credits for two master's degrees and incorporates the literature of the discipline in both areas through core coursework and opportunity to engage in professional practice/research. Therefore, notification to or approval from SACSCOC is not required.
Comments	Patty Murphy (pxm491) (02/08/21 11:01 am): Rollback: Please use the Add Comment button on the form to add the date of the dept faculty vote to approve the proposal and to indicate your support. Then save it and press the green Approve button. You don't need to edit the form to add the comment. Alexis Piquero (axp1954) (02/08/21 11:02 am): The Sociology Department met on 9/30/2020 and approved this program. Gregory Koger (j.koger) (02/08/21 11:26 am): Approved by POL department 11/2/2020 Maryann Tobin (m.tatum) (02/08/21 12:08 pm): This was unanimously approved by the College Faculty at a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Leonidas Bachas (l.bachas) (03/05/21 11:36 am): The Arts and Sciences faculty voted to approve this proposal on December 8, 2020. I support the proposed program Tiffany Plantan (tplantan) (03/30/21 6:14 pm): Proposal was presented at the March 16, 2021 meeting of the Graduate Council and approved (11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).

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