

# BAKER SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAMS DEGREE PLAN

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ NET ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Catalog Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cum. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cum. Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

## Core Requirements (21 Credit Hours)

	<i>Course</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>
	HBS 501		
	IAC 501		
	HBS 512		
MPA	HBS 531		
MPA	HBS 532		
MPA	HBS 533		
MPA	HBS 504		
MPP	HBS 513		
MPP	HBS 514		
MPP	HBS 521		
MPP	HBS 522		

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Concentration Requirements (9 Hours)

<i>Course</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>
HBS 503		
Optional Certificate Courses		
<i>Course</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>

## In Person: Internship (3 Hours)

<i>Course</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>
HBS 591		
Notes:		
In Person: Capstone (3 Hours)		
<i>Course</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>
HBS 596		
Notes:		

## Online Only: Executive Practicum (6 hours)

HBS 595 (3) - A
HBS 595 (3) - B
Notes:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Baker Graduate Programs Curriculum Overview**

## **MPA**

### Core Courses (21 credit hours)

- HBS 501 Perspectives on the Policy Process (3 credit hours)
- HBS 512 Research Design and Data Acquisition (3 credit hours)
- HBS 504 Public Administration (3 credit hours)
- HBS 531 Public Management (3 credit hours)
- HBS 532 Public Financial Administration (3 credit hours)
- HBS 533 Human Resource Management in Public Organization (3 credit hours)
- IAC 501 Ethical Leadership in Public Affairs (3 credit hours)

### Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

A 9-credit concentration is required to complete the MPA degree. Students will complete three courses (3 credit hours each) directly related to their concentrations.

### HBS 591: Internship (3 credit hours)

A 3-credit hour internship (HBS 591) is required for all students who lack significant administrative experience. Students who waive the internship must take an additional elective to obtain the 36 required credits.

### HBS 596: Capstone (3 credit hours)

A 3-credit hour capstone course is required. All non-executive MPA candidates are required to take this course, preferably during the last semester in the program. Capstone serves in lieu of a comprehensive exam for the MPA degree.

## **MPP**

### Core Courses (21 credit hours)

- HBS 501 Perspectives on the Policy Process (3 credit hours)
- IAC 501 Ethical Leadership in Public Affairs (3 credit hours)
- HBS 512 Research Design and Data Acquisition (3 credit hours)
- HBS 513 Data Driven Decisions (3 credit hours)
- HBS 514 Policy Communication and Data Visualization (3 credit hours)
- HBS 521 Policies and Markets (3 credit hours)
- HBS 522 Economics of the Public Sector (3 credit hours)

### Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

A 9-credit concentration is required to complete the MPA degree. Students will complete three courses (3 credit hours each) directly related to their concentrations.

### HBS 591: Internship (3 credit hours)

A 3-credit hour internship (HBS 591) is required for all students who lack significant administrative experience. Students who waive the internship must take an additional elective to obtain the 36 credits.

### HBS 584: Master Class (3 credit hours)

A 3-credit hour Master Class course is required. The Master Class serves in lieu of a comprehensive exam for the MPP degree.

## **MPA Online**

### Core Courses (21 credit hours):

- HBS 501 Perspectives on the Policy Process (3 credit hours)
- IAC 501 Ethical Leadership in Public Affairs (3 credit hours)
- HBS 504 Public Administration (3 credit hours)
- HBS 512 Research Design and Data Acquisition (3 credit hours)
- HBS 531 Public Management (3 credit hours)
- HBS 532 Public Financial Administration (3 credit hours)
- HBS 533 HR Management in Public Organizations (3 credit hours)

### Concentration Course Requirements

A 9-credit concentration is required to complete the MPA degree. Students will complete three courses (3 credit hours each) directly related to their concentrations.

### Executive Practicum

A 6-credit-hour practicum is required for all students. Students will work on their practicum over two semesters, being enrolled in 3 credit hours each semester. The Executive Practicum serves in place of a comprehensive exam or internship/capstone requirement for the in-person MPA degree.