

This sheet lists the undergraduate portion of the accelerated program and should be used in combination with the student's major check sheet

Students pursuing the Accelerated Graduate Pathway to the MPPM will be able to use up to 12 graduate credits to fulfill undergraduate *elective* credits. Political science (POS) majors may instead use up to 9 of these 12 towards upper-level POS electives. It is required that students work with their advisor(s) to create a graduation plan upon declaration of the pathway. This is important because 1) not all courses are offered every semester and 2) it will be advantageous to the student to build “room” into their elective credits (and major credits for POS students) for both the graduate-level courses and one undergraduate-level prerequisite. **Additional info:**

Approved undergraduate majors: Environmental Planning & Policy, Economics (BA or BS), Geography-Anthropology, Leadership & Organizational Studies, Political Science (Political Science Track only)

Minimum undergraduate GPA: 3.00

Graduate entrance exam: None

Requirements to begin taking graduate-level courses: 90 earned undergraduate credits, completion of undergraduate prerequisite, 3.00 cumulative GPA

Semester students can matriculate into the graduate program: Fall, Spring, Summer

Maximum graduate credit that can be applied to undergraduate degree: 12 credits

Additional requirements: Prior to enrolling in MPPM courses, students must provide an essay that addresses “how study in a professional master’s program in policy, planning, and management will enhance their career outlook.” An interview may be required to confirm a student’s preparedness for professional studies at the graduate level.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Upon Declaration of Accelerated Pathway Program

Requirement	Completed
Graduation plan completed with professional or faculty advisor (to include below courses)	

Undergraduate Prerequisite & Graduate Courses

Course	Min. Grade	*Typically Offered	Semester Completed	Credits	Grade
Undergraduate Prerequisite					
**MAT 120 Intro. to Statistics (prereq: MAT 100 or appropriate test scores)	B	SP, SU, F			
Graduate Courses					
***MPPM Course (to be chosen with MPPM faculty advisor)	B	Varies			
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*Courses are *typically* offered during the semester(s) listed (F=Fall, SP= Spring, SU= Summer), however this is subject to change.

** This can be substituted with another course in statistics that meets USM’s Core Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

***MPPM Courses: 6 credits **must** be from this list: PPM 501 Plng Theory, PPM 503 App Rsch Meth, PPM 504 Mgng Govt and Nonprofits, PPM 507 Intro to Comm Plng, PPM 510 Governance, Dmcrly and Pub Plcy, PPM 512 Sust Comm, PPM 515 Org Leadership, PPM 522 Intro to Arc/GIS, PPM 524 Social Jus and Pub Plcy, PPM 531 Msrng Prfmc in the Pub and Nonprofit Sectors, PPM 534 Mgng Cities, Towns and Counties, PPM 542 Plcy Issues in Maine, PPM 545 Grant Writing and Dev, PPM 550 State and Local Eco Dev, PPM 553 Volunteer Engagement and Mgt, PPM 560 Crisis and Risk Mgt, PPM 564 Intro to Town Design and SketchUp, PPM 565 Transp Plng and Plcy, PPM 570 Plcy Argumentation and Advocacy, PPM 581 Global Plng Issues: Megacities and Megacity Regions. The additional 6 credits may be selected from the list above or from 500-level courses offered by: Geography-Anthropology (GYA), Environmental Planning and Policy (ESP), Economics (ECO), Leadership & Organizational Studies (LOS), or Political Science (POS).

Additional Requirements to Consider Before/ At Time of Undergraduate Graduation

Requirement	Completed
Minimum GPA of 3.0 @ time of undergraduate graduation	
All undergraduate core and major requirements completed	
All undergraduate general electives completed	
Submit Essay/ Complete Interview with MPPM @ start of 2 nd semester junior year (or 75 earned credits)	
Intent to Enroll Form (complete at start of final <i>undergraduate</i> semester)	
Application to Graduate (complete by April 1 st of final <i>undergraduate</i> semester)	

**Undergraduate Graduation Plan Template
MPPM**

Fall of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	

Spring of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	

Fall of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	

Spring of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Did you build in MAT 120 yet?	
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	
*B- or better in MAT 120	

Fall of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	

Spring of 20__	
Courses	Credits
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	
*Complete MPPM essay/ interview (early)	

Fall of 20__	
Courses	Credits
MPPM Course	
MPPM Course	
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	
*Complete FAFSA for graduate level aid	

Spring of 20__	
Courses	Credits
MPPM Course	
MPPM Course	
Other Tasks	
*Maintain 3.0	
*Apply to graduate @ start of semester	