MPA IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Master of Public Administration in Development Practice (MPA-DP) Curriculum

During the school year, students undertake coursework in a wide range of disciplines and sectors. A three-month professional summer field placement supplements this classroom education. The program's core courses teach students the skills and professional knowledge needed to effectively address ongoing sustainable development challenges.

Students must complete a minimum of 54 points to be considered for graduation. Including,

- 30.5 points in the **core curriculum**
- A minimum of 15 points in the **Sustainable Development Focus Areas (p. 2)**
- And any additional elective courses, as needed, to meet the minimum 54 points

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Columbia University is a dynamic institution, attracting new faculty and introducing new courses every year. As a result, the curriculum may vary slightly from year to year. In some of the core areas, we require students to take a specific course. In others, we give students options among different course offerings that meet the core learning requirement. However, our commitment is to ensure that all students have access to courses that cover each of these core curriculum areas (30.5 points):

Core Requirements

		Points
MPA-DP: Getting Started		**0**
PUAF U4423	MPA-DP "Getting Started"	
Sustainable Development Practice		**3**
INAF U6043	Sustainable Development Policy and Practice	
Economics (Completed during the first year)		**6**
Select one of the following sequences:		
SIPA U6300 - SIPA U6301	Microeconomics for International and Public Affairs and Macroeconomics for International and Public Affairs	
SIPA U6400 - SIPA U6401	Microeconomic Analysis for International and Public Affairs and Macroeconomic Analysis for International and Public Affairs	
Statistics (Completed during the first year)		**3**
SIPA U6500	Quantitative Analysis I for International and Public Affairs	
Global Food Systems (Completed during the first year)		**3**
PUAF U6411	Universal Food Security	
Development Practice Lab I (Completed during the second semester of first year)		**3**
PUAF U6254	Development Practice Lab I	
Development Practice Lab II (Completed during first semester of second year)		**3**
PUAF U6255	Development Practice Lab II	
Social Sector (Any semester)		**3**
Students can choose a social sector course from a list of approved courses - dependent on semester offerings.		
ENVP U6239	Politics # Policy of Urban Sustainability	
INAF U6041	Corporations and Human Rights	
INAF U6042	Energy, Enterprise and Development	
INAF U6053	Creating a Social Enterprise	
INAF U6124	Building # Scaling Social Impact Programs	
INAF U6126	Design for Social Innovation	
INAF U6129	Storytelling and The Art of Creating Social Impact Campaigns	
INAF U6136	Social Impact Strategic Planning, Measurement & Evaluation	
INAF U6137	Social Value Investing: a Framework for Cross Sector Partnerships	
INAF U6144	Campaigning for Change through Media, Mobilization # the Power of Persuasion	
INAF U6186	Community Economic Development	
INAF U6173	Migration and Human Development	

INAF U6190	Complex Emergencies: Root Causes to Rebuilding	
INAF U6886	Social Impact: Business, Society, and the Natural Environment	
INAF U6303	Selected Topics in Financial Inclusion: Enhancing Financial Access for the Poor	
INAF U6374	Mainstreaming Gender in Global Affairs	
INAF U6375	Gender and Livelihoods	
INAF U6412	State and Society in the Developing World	
INAF U6735	Issues in Rural Development	
INAF U6751	International Human Rights Law	
INAF U6771	Economic Inequality and Its Policy Implications	
INAF U6772	Global Inequality	
INAF U8180	Human Rights Skills # Advocacy	
INAF U8195	Behavioral Development Economics	
INAF U8350	Finance for the World's Poorest	
INAF U8507	Security Council and Peacekeeping in Africa in the 21st Century	
INAF U8785	Gender, Politics and Development: Theory, Policy # Practice	
PUAF U6228	Comparative Social Welfare Policy	
PUAF U6239	Comparative Urban Policy: Global Developing Cities	
PUAF U6244	Urban Social Policy	
PUAF U6247	Planning # Implementing Urban Sustainability, Equity # Economic Development	
PUAF U6325	Critical Issues in Urban Public Policy	
PUAF U6413	Global Health and Public Policy	
PUAF U8351	Race, Gender and Political Change	
REGN U6410	Social Movements # Citizenship in Africa	
REGN U6639	Gender and Development in Southeast Asia	
Non-SIPA Courses:		
EDPE Y4051	Education & Economic Development	
EHSC P8301	Climate Science for Public Health	
EPID P6400	Principles of Epidemiology	
HBSS Y5112	Social Marketing and Health Communication	
HRTS GU4500	Socio-Economic Rights	
HRTS GR6800	International Human Rights Law	
ITSF Y4005	Education in Emergencies	
ITSF Y4038	Monitoring and Evaluation in Education	
ITSF Y4090	Issues and Institutions: International Educational Dev	
LAW L6506	Gender Justice	
MGMT B7557	Social Entrepreneurship	
NECR K5170	Restorative Practices	
POPF P8615	Current Issues in Sexual Health	
POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	
SUMA K4130	Sustainable Cities	
SUMA K5162	Responsiveness and Resilience in the Built Environment	
Professional Development (Completed during the first year)		**0.5**
Students must complete the required course and one (1) elective course		
Required Course:		
SIPA U4040	Professional Development	
Elective Courses:		
SIPA U4041	Professional Development	
SIPA U4042	Professional Development	
SIPA U4043	Professional Development	
SIPA U4044	Professional Development	
SIPA U4045	Professional Development	
Capstone Workshop		**3**
Students must complete one of the following courses:		
SIPA U9000	Capstone Workshop	
SIPA U9001	Capstone Workshop in Sustainable Development Practice	
Summer Placement		**3**
PUAF U9015	MPA-DP. Field Study	

Degree Audit Report

Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on Stellic.

Students must complete at least 15 points of any combination of courses from the following Sustainable Development Focus Areas. Focus Areas are not formal designations (like MIA/MPA Concentrations); they are thematic niches around which students may opt to develop specific expertise. In addition to completing courses from Focus Areas, students must complete at least 8.5 points of electives. Students may choose electives from Focus Areas or any other courses coded 4000-level or above. Please refer to the requirements tab for more information about completing your degree.

Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6259	Adaptation to Climate Change	3.00
INAF U6268	Agricultural Environmental Policy	3.00
INAF U8354	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development	3.00
INAF U8910	Struggles for Sustainability	3.00
SDEV U6240	Environmental Science for Sustainable Development	3.00
	MDP Independent Study (Selected Topics)	1.50-3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
LAW L8421	S. Food Systems and US Environmental Law	
NUTR M8220	Food and Nutrition: a Public Health Perspective	
POPF P8646	Food and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies	
SUMA K5770	Sustainable Forests Management	

Business, Finance, and Social Enterprise

		Points
SIPA Courses		
EMPA U9225	Public Management Innovation	3.00
INAF U6004	Application Development for Social Impact	1.50
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00

INAF U6039	International Banking: Workings, Trends and Challenges	3.00
INAF U6053	Creating a Social Enterprise	3.00
INAF U6114	Private Sector Development Outcomes	3.00
INAF U6125	Scale Up Ventures: Growing a Business Outside of Silicon Valley	3.00
INAF U6126	Design for Social Innovation	3.00
INAF U6128	Impact Investing and Financial Innovation	1.50
INAF U6301	Corporate Finance	3.00
INAF U6617	Environmental, Social and Governance Investing	1.50
INAF U6690	Sustainable Finance I: Foundations of ESG Investing	3.00
INAF U6692	Sustainable Finance II: System-level Investing	1.50
INAF U6696	Impact Investing I: Foundations	3.00
INAF U6698	Impact Investing II: Blended Finance	1.50
INAF U8104	Banking and Sustainable Development	3.00
INAF U8350	Finance for the World's Poorest	3.00
INAF U8354	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development	3.00
INAF U8908	Sustainable Investing Research Consulting Project	3.00
PUAF U6265	Financing Sustainable Development: The Realities of the Challenge	1.50
SIPA U4011	Advanced Techniques in Excel	0.00
SIPA U6014	Strategic and Entrepreneurial Management	3.00
SIPA U6200	Accounting for International and Public Affairs	3.00
SIPA U6310	Nonprofit Financial Management	3.00
SIPA U6320	Budgeting # Financial Management for Government	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
COMS W4460	Principles of Innovation and Entrepreneurship	
DROM B7101	Business Analytics	
ECON W4500	International Trade	
IEME E4200	Human-centered Design and Innovation	
MRKT B7636	Product Management	
MRKT B7667	Foundation of Innovation	
MGMT B8519	Launching New Ventures	
MGMT B8527	Social Venture Incubation	
MGMT B8587	Business Strategies and Solving Social Problems	
MRKT B8613	Entrepreneurial Selling	
SUMA PS4100	Sustainability Management	
SUMA PS5445	Impact Finance for Sustainability Practitioners	
SUMA PS5020	Cost Benefit Analysis	
SUMA K5142	Sustainable Finance	
SUMA K5195	Accounting, Finance, and Modeling of Sustainable Investments	
SUMA PS5470	Circular Economy for Sustainability Professional	

Disaster, Emergencies, and Crisis Management

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U4090	Accountability in Humanitarian Action	1.00
INAF U6141	Humanitarian Crisis Simulation	1.00
INAF U6173	Migration and Human Development	3.00
INAF U6198	Technology for Intl Crisis Response # Good Governance	1.50
INAF U6348	Engaging Non-State Armed Groups: Lessons from the UN and Beyond	1.50
INAF U6391	Conflict Resolution	3.00
INAF U6486	Humanitarian Engagement with Armed Actors	1.50
INAF U6490	International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law	3.00
INAF U6573	Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus	3.00
INAF U6882	Yemen at War	1.50
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00
INAF U8690	Managing Humanitarian Emergencies	3.00
INAF U8910	Struggles for Sustainability	3.00
PUAF U6801	Negotiation # Conflict Resolution	3.00
SDEV U6260	Disasters and Development	3.00
	MDP Independent Study (Selected Topics)	1.50-3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
LAW L8115	Negotiation Workshop	
MGMT B8510	Managerial Negotations	
POPF P8620	Protection of Children in Disaster & War	
POPF P8625	Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies	
POPF P8639	Gender-based Violence in Complex Emergencies	
POPF P8648	Food and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies	
POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	
POPF P8673	Refugee Reproductive Health	

Education

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U8201	Public Education: New Strategies for a New Era	1.50
INAF U8882	Practicum on Education in Emergencies	1.50
PUAF U6460	Benchmarking Skills for Process # Organizational Improvement	1.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
EDPA Y4013	Education Policy and Manage Instruction	
EDPE Y4051	Education and Economic Development	
HBSS Y5111	Planning Health Education Programs	
ITSF Y4038	Monitoring and Evaluation in International Educational Development	
ITSF Y4092	Qualitative Research and Evaluation in International Education	

ITSF Y4094	Educational Planning in International Educational Development	
ITSF Y4603	Human and Social Dimensions of Peace	
ITSF Y5003	Communication and Culture	
ITSF Y5031	Education and Sustainable Development	

Environment and Energy

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6040	International Energy Project Finance	3.00
INAF U6042	Energy, Enterprise and Development	3.00
INAF U6057	Electricity Markets	3.00
INAF U6061	Global Energy Policy	3.00
INAF U6071	Fundamentals of Environmental Policy	3.00
INAF U6072	Energy Systems Fundamentals	3.00
INAF U6074	Current Issues in Energy Policy	1.50
INAF U6230	Corporate Sustainability: Issues, Strategies, and Practice	3.00
INAF U6259	Adaptation to Climate Change	3.00
INAF U6264	Meeting the Climate Challenge at all Levels of Government	3.00
INAF U6267	Climate-security: Examining the links between climate change, peace and security	1.50
INAF U6326	Renewable Energy Project Finance Modeling	3.00
INAF U6327	Carbon Pricing	3.00
INAF U6328	Financing the Energy Transition in Emerging Markets	1.50
INAF U6330	Energy Decarbonization	3.00
INAF U6695	Climate Finance, Policy, and the Just Transition	3.00
INAF U6706	Climate Change # ESG Investing	1.50
INAF U6709	Environment, Development, # Politics in Africa	3.00
INAF U8537	Climate Change Policy	3.00
PUAF U6190	Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs	3.00
REGN U6149	Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights	3.00
SDEV U6240	Environmental Science for Sustainable Development	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
EAEE E6212	Introduction to Carbon Management	
CLMT GR5003	Managing and Adapting to Climate Change	
CLMT GR5012	Social Impact Business, Society, and the Natural Environment	
CLMT G5023	Climate Justice: Theory and Practice	
EAEE E4009	GIS for Resource, Environmental, and Infrastructure Management	
LAW L6038	Climate Change Law	
PLAN A6009	Environmental Data Analysis	
SUMA PS4734	Earth Institute Practicum	
SUMA K5197	Financing the Clean Energy Economy	

Gender, Human Rights, and Social Inclusion

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6041	Corporations and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6143	Gender, Globalization, and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6303	Selected Topics in Financial Inclusion: Enhancing Financial Access for the Poor	1.50
INAF U6374	Mainstreaming Gender in Global Affairs	3.00
INAF U6375	Gender and Livelihoods	1.50
INAF U6403	Regulating Reproduction: Care, Procreation # Equality	3.00
INAF U6405	Human Rights and the Politics of Inequality	3.00
INAF U6751	International Human Rights Law	3.00
INAF U6774	Public Policy # Inequality in Developing Countries	3.00
INAF U6765	The European Union and Human Rights	1.50
INAF U8166	Rethinking Human Rights # Humanitarianism	3.00
INAF U8180	Human Rights Skills # Advocacy	3.00
INAF U8183	Tools for Advocacy	3.00
INAF U8189	Politics of History and Reconciliation	3.00
INAF U8350	Finance for the World's Poorest	3.00
INAF U8785	Gender, Politics and Development: Theory, Policy # Practice	3.00
PUAF U6228	Comparative Social Welfare Policy	3.00
PUAF U8349	Intersections of Race and Power in Development	3.00
REGN U6149	Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights	3.00
REGN U6545	Human Rights in the Western Balkans	1.50
REGN U6639	Gender and Development in Southeast Asia	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
ECON W4480	Gender and Applied Economics	
HRTS GU4215	NGOs & The Human Rights Movement	
HRTS GU4270	Social Media and Human Rights	
HRTS GU4500	Socio-Economic Rights	
HRTS GU4650	Children's Rights Advocacy	
HRTS GU4915	Human Rights & Urban Public Space	
HRTS GU4950	Human Rights and Human Wrongs	
HRTS GU4930	Int'l Humanitarian Law/Human Rights	
HRTS GU6020	Intro to Human Rights	
HRTS GR6800	International Human Rights Law	
HSME G4154	Pan Africanism	
POPF P8676	Epidemiological Methods for Measuring Human Rights Abuses	
POPF P8683	Psychological and Mental Heath Issues in Forced Migration	

Governance, Partnerships, and Civic Participation

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6051	Infrastructure Investment and Development	1.50

INAF U6198	Technology for Intl Crisis Response # Good Governance	1.50
INAF U6205	Technopolitics, Democracy, and Development	3.00
INAF U6226	Leadership # Innovative Policy Making	3.00
INAF U6301	Corporate Finance	3.00
INAF U6304	Sovereign Debt and Power Dynamics	3.00
INAF U6341	UN Development System in Action: Governance, Funding and Country-level Results	1.50
INAF U6359	Global Economic Governance	3.00
INAF U6538	State Building in the Developing World	3.00
INAF U6702	ESG and Corporate Political Strategy	1.50
INAF U6826	Political Participation, Mobilization, and Socialization	3.00
INAF U8095	Corporate Governance, Investor Stewardship and ESG	3.00
INAF U8183	Tools for Advocacy	3.00
INAF U8537	Climate Change Policy	3.00
PUAF U6028	Public-Private Partnerships To Foster Effective, Sustainable # Scalable Nonprofits	1.50
PUAF U6135	Civic Innovation # Designing for People	1.50
PUAF U6190	Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs	3.00
PUAF U6206	How Government, Civil Society # Corporations Solve Societal Problems	3.00
REGN U6320	The EU and Democracy: Challenges and Perspectives for the Next Decade	1.50
Non-SIPA Courses		
LAW L6546	Global Constitutionalism	
ANME G6406	Modern State and the Colonial Subject	

Health

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
PUAF U6413	Global Health and Public Policy	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
DROM B8118	Transforming Healthcare Delivery	
EHSC P8329	Water, Sanitation, and Human Health	
EHSC P9320	Water and Infectious Disease	
HBSS Y5112	Social Marketing and Health Communication	
HBSV Y5013	Strategies for Nutrition Education and Health Behavior Change	

ICT and Data for Development

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6004	Application Development for Social Impact	1.50
INAF U6006	Computing in Context	3.00
INAF U6198	Technology for Intl Crisis Response # Good Governance	1.50
INAF U6202	Internet Governance and Human Rights	3.00
INAF U6272	Introduction to Data Analytics for Public Policy, Administration, and Management	1.50

INAF U6504	Python for Public Policy	1.50
INAF U6508	Using Big Data to Develop Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6614	Data Analysis for Policy Research Using R	3.00
INAF U6903	Emerging Digital Tech for Impact	1.50
INAF U6914	Policies and Practices in Human-Centered Digital Development	3.00
INAF U6918	Digital Service Delivery for Leaders and Policy Makers	3.00
PUAF U6217	Operations Management	3.00
PUAF U8410	The Use of Science-based Evidence in Decision and Policymaking	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
DROM B8125	Digital Literacy for Decision Makers	
DROM B8144	Introduction to R Programming	
SOSC P8718	Health Communication: Media Strategies and Global Innovation	
QMSS G5015	Data Analysis for Social Sciences	
SUSC K5050	GIS for Sustainability Science	

Infrastructure

		Points
SIPA Courses		
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6040	International Energy Project Finance	3.00
INAF U6042	Energy, Enterprise and Development	3.00
INAF U6051	Infrastructure Investment and Development	1.50
INAF U6057	Electricity Markets	3.00
INAF U6066	Energy # Power Financing Markets	3.00
INAF U6116	Infrastructure Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6131	Impact Investing: Essential Skills	1.50
INAF U6135	Renewable Energy Markets and Policy	3.00
INAF U6186	Community Economic Development	3.00
INAF U6198	Technology for Intl Crisis Response # Good Governance	1.50
INAF U6242	Energy Policy	3.00
INAF U8689	Global Financial Services in the 21st Century	3.00
PUAF U6190	Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs	3.00
REGN U6149	Energy, Corporate Responsibility # Human Rights	3.00
SDEV U6240	Environmental Science for Sustainable Development	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
CIEN E4137	Managing Civil Infrastructure Systems	
EHSC P8371	Public Health GIS	
FINC B8767	Investing in Social Ventures	
PLAN A4010	Planning for Climate Change in Urban Energy Systems	
PLAN A6108	Land Use Planning	
PLAN A6232	Advanced GIS	
POPF P8625	Communicable Disease in Complex Emergencies	
POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	

QMSS GR5070	GIS and Spatial Analysis for Social Science	
SUMA PS4130	Sustainable Cities	
SUMA K4330	Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Urban Resilience	
SUMA K5150	Energy and Sustainable Development	
SUMA L5020	Cost Benefit Analysis	

Sustainable Cities

		Points
SIPA Courses		
EMPA U6605	Urban Policy by Design	1.50
ENVP U6112	Urban Ecology	2.00
ENVP U6239	Politics # Policy of Urban Sustainability	3.00
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6051	Infrastructure Investment and Development	1.50
INAF U6057	Electricity Markets	3.00
INAF U6135	Renewable Energy Markets and Policy	3.00
INAF U6186	Community Economic Development	3.00
PUAF U6239	Comparative Urban Policy: Global Developing Cities	3.00
PUAF U6249	Digital Innovation for Urban Governance	1.50
PUAF U6251	Urban Economics	3.00
PUAF U8248	Leadership # Urban Transformation	3.00
PUAF U8250	Governing the 21st Century City	3.00
SIPA U6005	Effective Management in the Public Service	3.00
SIPA U6320	Budgeting # Financial Management for Government	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
PLAN A4010	Planning for Climate Change in Urban Ecosystems	
PLAN A4444	The Future City	
PLAN A6108	Land Use Planning	
PLAN A6232	Advanced GIS	
PLAN A6939	Sustainable Urban Planning and Design	
PLAN A6941	Urban Analytics & Decision Making	
SUMA K4030	Hungry City Workshop	
SUMA K4235	The Science of Urban Ecology	
SUMA K4330	Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Urban Resilience	
SUMA K5199	The Sustainable Transportation Economy	

Tools for Sustainable Development

		Points
EMPA U6425	Communicating in Organizations	3.00
INAF U6004	Application Development for Social Impact	1.50
INAF U6046	Global Media: Policy Lab and Innovation	1.50
INAF U6116	Infrastructure Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6120	Visual Storytelling	3.00
INAF U6128	Impact Investing and Financial Innovation	1.50
INAF U6129	Storytelling and The Art of Creating Social Impact Campaigns	3.00
INAF U6131	Impact Investing: Essential Skills	1.50

INAF U6137	Social Value Investing: a Framework for Cross Sector Partnerships	3.00
INAF U6141	Humanitarian Crisis Simulation	1.00
INAF U6183	Innovation for Development in Practice	1.50
INAF U6564	Applied Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution: Fieldwork Competencies	3.00
INAF U6574	Evaluation in the UN System	3.00
INAF U6602	Economic Development for International Affairs	3.00
INAF U6604	Applied Econometrics	3.00
INAF U6705	Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting	3.00
INAF U6889	Impact Measurement # Evaluation for Sustainable Development	3.00
INAF U6891	Impact Evaluations in Practice	1.50
INAF U6892	Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid	3.00
INAF U6897	Writing on Policy	3.00
INAF U6946	Writing and Delivering Speeches	1.50
INAF U8145	Advanced Economic Development for International Affairs	3.00
PEPM U6204	Development Economics	3.00
SIPA U6501	Quantitative Analysis II for International and Public Affairs	3.00
SIPA U8500	Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation and Policy Research	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
SUMA K5025	Corporate Sustainability	
ECON G6493	Behavioral Economics	
SUMA K5033	Decisions Models and Management	
SUMA K5035	GHG Emissions: Measuring and Minimizing	

MPA-DP Graduation Requirements Overview

Students must meet the following requirements in order to be approved for graduation:

- Complete 54 credits in residence at SIPA
- Complete 4 residency units
- Complete all core requirements, including 15 points of any combination of courses from the Sustainable Development Focus Areas; 8.5 points of electives; and 12 weeks professional summer placement.
- For MPA-DP students, credits obtained from classes taken Pass/Fail, when a letter grade is an option, do not count towards the 54 needed to graduate.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Have no pending grades. All grades must be final. Any notations indicating a pending grade must be converted to a final grade prior to graduating. These include, "IN" (incomplete), "CP" (credit pending) and "YC" (year-long course).
- Complete and submit the Application for Degree or Certificate by the appropriate deadline.

In addition to the above, please note that grade changes cannot be made post-graduation.

Tracking MPA-DP Core Requirements

Students can use the Degree Audit Report (DAR) in Stellic to track their academic progress.

The DAR is an unofficial guide to the MPA-DP core.

To request revisions to the Degree Audit Report, please fill out the Degree Audit Report Correction Form and submit the form to the Student Affairs Office.

Degree Audit Report Correction Form

Double-counting of Courses

- MPA-DP students cannot double-count courses within their degree core (e.g., social sector with focus areas requirements).
For those MPA-DP students grandfathered into a specialization:

- No more than two courses (or 6 credits) may be double counted between the MPA-DP **focus area** and specializations.

- No more than one course (or 3 credits) may be double-counted between two specializations.

STEM Eligibility

Beginning with the MPA-DP class May 2022, students will be granted STEM eligibility upon graduation.