

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEGREE

Mid-Career Option Application

DESCRIPTION OF THE MID-CAREER OPTION

The MPA Committee of the Division of Public and Environmental Affairs may grant up to a maximum of 12 credit hours towards the M.P.A. degree for students who have had significant policy level work experience in their backgrounds. The work experience which will qualify a student for such a grant may be of a management nature or may be in program or policy development with either a governmental agency or a private organization. (Work experience which has been routine and has involved only limited discretion will not qualify the student for this grant.)

PROCEDURE

Students are eligible to apply for the mid-career option only after they have been admitted to the M.P.A. program. Once accepted into the program, they can apply for Mid-Career Option credit at any point in their degree program, up to the semester in which they complete 24 credit hours. Applicants for the mid-career option should complete the petition for a grant of credit hours. They should supply the name and mailing address of their most recent supervisor(s) for the Supervisory Evaluation form and decide whether or not to sign the "Privacy Act" waiver. The petition will be reviewed by the M.P.A./M.P.M. Admissions, Petitions, and Review Committee. The final decision will be made by the Division director. Applicants dissatisfied with the committee's decision may appeal in writing to the committee for reconsideration. Such written appeal may include a request for a personal appearance before the committee.

Decisions about the mid-career option are made separately from decisions about a transfer of credit. Under no circumstances will the mid-career option grant exceed 12 hours and the transfer of credit exceed 9 hours for a maximum total of 21 hours of the 48-hour degree requirement. Students receiving the mid-career option should plan their programs carefully in consultation with an advisor.

NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

For each position you have held (beginning with the most recent), please answer the following questions to the extent that each is applicable. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets. You are encouraged to provide, in addition to the answers to these questions, any further information about the positions which you think will be helpful to the M.P.A. committee.

POSITION I (present position)

JOB TITLE:

AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION:

7. How closely do you work with elected or appointed officials at any level of government? Can you influence the policy decisions made by these officials?

8. What experience do you have in intergovernmental or inter-agency relationships?

9. Do you have regular contact with public interest groups or other constituent groups? What is the nature of that contact?

10. What impact do you have on realizing the goals of your organization?

11. Additional comments.

6. What kind of technical expertise was required of you (in addition to any necessary managerial skills)?

7. How closely did you work with elected or appointed officials at any level of government? Could you influence the policy decisions made by these officials?

8. What experience did you have in intergovernmental or inter-agency relationships?

9. Did you have regular contact with public interest groups or other constituent groups? What was the nature of that contact?

10. What impact did you have on realizing the goals of your organization?

11. Additional comments.

(Any further applicable job descriptions can be submitted on additional sheets.)
Indicate the extent to which you think your professional experience falls into the M.P.A.
core fields listed below. Describe what parts of your work history apply to each area.

ANALYSIS

APPLICABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Law

2. Economics

3. Quantitative Analysis

PUBLIC SETTINGS

1. Organization Structures
Processes and Behavior

2. Public Management

3. Public Finance and
Budgeting

4. Environmental Policy