



Joint B.S. to M.P.A. Program

Information Packet

**School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Indiana University Northwest
Joint B.S to M.P.A. Accelerated Program**

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUN offers a joint accelerated Bachelor of Science (B.S.) to Master of Public Affairs (M.P.A.) program. This program is designed to offer current qualified undergraduate students the opportunity to take graduate level coursework as an undergraduate student and earn credit for their undergraduate program requirements while also earning graduate level credit towards the Master of Public Affairs degree.

Students completing approved graduate level coursework will receive credit towards their undergraduate requirements and upon completion of their B.S. degree will have credits that can be used towards the M.P.A. program provided meeting the minimum admission requirements. Upon admission to the M.P.A. program, students who have completed the graduate level courses at the undergraduate level will have up to 12 credits of graduate level coursework applied to the M.P.A. requirements.

General Requirements:

- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) must be 3.0 overall.
- SPEA Major GPA must be 3.2 with a minimum of 15 credit hours of SPEA classes taken.
- Must have at least 60 hours completed in undergraduate program.
- Must have a letter of support from a SPEA faculty member.
- GRE requirement for M.P.A. admission will be waived if all the above conditions are met.
- Completion of M.P.A. application packet upon completion of undergraduate program.

B.S to M.P.A. Program Process:

Undergraduate students who enroll in an approved graduate level course and earn a grade of B or better in the graduate course will receive both graduate and undergraduate credit. Students receiving a grade of less than a B in the approved graduate course will not receive credit towards the M.P.A. degree program but may receive credit for a passing grade towards the undergraduate requirement.

The goal is for students who are admitted to this joint accelerated program to have 12 graduate credit hours earned towards the M.P.A. degree program by the time they finish their undergraduate program, which is a third of the credit hour requirement of 36 hours for the M.P.A. degree program.

Table of Undergraduate and Corresponding Graduate Courses (Note only 12 credit hours of approved graduate courses can be taken under the joint accelerated program)

Undergraduate Course	Graduate Course
	<i>Required Core M.P.A Courses</i>
SPEA K300	SPEA V500
SPEA V376	SPEA V 540
SPEA V372	SPEA V560
	<i>M.P.A. Concentration Courses</i>
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice
SPEA V366 (Managing Behavior in Public Organizations)	SPEA V502 (Public Management)
SPEA V372 (Government Finance and Budgets)	SPEA V560 (Public Finance and Budgeting)
SPEA V376 (Law and Public Policy)	SPEA V540 (Law and Public Affairs)
SPEA V439 (Crime and Public Policy)	SPEA V666 (Criminal Justice Policy and Evaluation)
Health Service Management	Health Services Administration and Social Change
SPEA V366 (Managing Behavior in Public Organizations)	SPEA V502 (Public Management)
SPEA V372 (Government Finance and Budgets)	SPEA V560 (Public Finance and Budgeting)
SPEA V376 (Law and Public Policy)	SPEA V540 (Law and Public Affairs)
SPEA V450 (Contemporary Topics in Public Affairs)	SPEA V509 (Administrative Ethics)
Public Affairs	Leadership
SPEA V366 (Managing Behavior in Public Organizations)	SPEA V502 (Public Management)
SPEA V372 (Government Finance and Budgets)	SPEA V560 (Public Finance and Budgeting)
SPEA V376 (Law and Public Policy)	SPEA V540 (Law and Public Affairs)
SPEA V473 (Management, Leadership and Policy)	SPEA V566 (Executive Leadership)

	Sustainability and Social Change
	<p>For this concentration, three of the recommended courses would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPEA V502 for SPEA V366 2. SPEA V560 for SPEA V372 3. SPEA V540 for SPEA V376 <p>Please contact SPEA graduate advisor if interested in this M.P.A. concentration for which additional course to take as an undergraduate to transfer to this concentration.</p>

- Students can choose the courses they would like to count towards the M.P.A. program.
- There is a maximum of four courses permitted (12 credit hours).

Tuition:

Students participating in the B.S. to M.P.A. program will be charged the undergraduate rates for the graduate level courses for which they have registered. All other fees and costs associated with the undergraduate courses will still apply.

Program Expectations:

At the graduate level, students will find more discussion, research, self-directed study, application of theory to everyday situations, and writing. Undergraduate students participating in graduate level coursework-will be held to the same expectations as graduate students. This program is an opportunity for advanced degree completion, therefore it important to understand the commitment level required for this program. Please be advised that taking graduate level courses does not automatically imply admission to the IUN SPEA M.P.A. program. Students participating in the undergraduate to graduate M.P.A. program will still need to apply and meet the requirements for admission to the M.P.A. program.

All graduate level courses are offered in the evening. Class offerings ~~times~~ are based on course rotation and instructor availability.

If you have any questions regarding the program or the requirements, please contact the SPEA graduate director at 219- 980-6695.

Application for Joint Accelerated (Undergraduate to Graduate) B.S. to M.P.A Program
(print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPEA Undergraduate program (circle one): **BSCJ** **BSPA** **BSHM**

By signing this form, I understand the following:

As a participant in the B.S. to M.P.A program, I will be enrolling and completing graduate level courses that will apply to my undergraduate program degree requirements and potentially up to four classes (i.e., 12 credit hours) in the Master of Public Affairs degree in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University Northwest. I understand that graduate level coursework is more rigorous (i.e., more discussion, research, self-directed study, application of theory to everyday situations, and writing). Given this information, as undergraduate students participating in graduate level coursework, I will be held to the same expectations as graduate students and must attain at least a B in all courses that are taken at the graduate level. I also understand that taking graduate level courses does not automatically imply admission to the IUN SPEA M.P.A. program and I will be required to apply for admission to the Master of Public Affairs program should I decide to continue my studies in IUN SPEA at the graduate level.

In addition to the above, I also understand that all graduate level courses at this time are offered in the evening. Class offerings are based on course rotation and instructor availability.

Student Signature	Date	Advisor Signature	Date
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For Office Use Only:

Application Transcript Faculty Letter of Support

GPA: _____ SPEA GPA: _____ Credit Hours: _____