

Thesis Based Option

Students are required to complete 9.0 units of coursework (four required courses and two electives) and a 6.0 thesis, for a total of 15.0 units.

Required Courses:

SPP 510 (1.5) - Policy Context of Practice
SPP 516 (1.5) - Research Methodologies
SPP 519 (1.5) - Theory for Policy and Practice
SPP 550 (1.5) - Advanced Thesis Seminar
SPP 599 (6.0) - Thesis

Electives

In addition to the required courses, students must complete 3.0 units of elective courses. One elective must be an SPP course; usually two electives are SPP courses. Students wishing to take a course offered through another academic unit as an elective need the permission of the Program. In choosing your electives, talk with the Graduate Advisor for the Program and/or your thesis supervisor.

Please note that not all electives are offered every year.

SPP 501 (1.5) Organizational Context of Practice
SPP 520 (1.5) Advanced Methodology Seminar
SPP 522 (1.5) Critically Engaging with Research
SPP 530 (1.5) Advanced Policy and Practice Seminar
SPP 531 (1.5) Critical Approaches to Policy Analysis
SPP 580 (1.5 or 3.0) Special Topics
SPP 590 (1.5 or 3.0) Directed Studies

Thesis

Prior to beginning work on their thesis students must complete, and have approved by their supervisory committee, a proposal of 20-25 pages. The thesis itself is to be approximately 100 pages in length.

Program Length

Full-time students are expected to complete the program in three years or less. Part time students are given five years to complete the program.