

### **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.