Course Work

First Semester Courses
*UAF 570 – Introduction to Urban Studies
*UAF 611 – Urban problems in Contemporary America
*UAF 697 – Urban Research Methods I
Total = 9 semester hours

Second Semester Courses
**UAF 614 – Structural Models for Urban Actions
**UAF 616 – Executive Management
*UAF 698 – Urban Research Methods II
Total = 9 semester hours

Third Semester Courses (summer)
**UAF 620 – Housing and Redevelopment Policy
**UAF 575 – Info systems/Urban Admin. Research and Evaluation
Total = 6 semester hours

Fourth Semester Courses
**POS 660 – Urban Financial Administration
*UAF 690 – Policy: Advanced Seminar
*UAF 693 – Urban Comm. Field Placement
Total = 9 semester hours

Fifth Semester Courses
*UAF 699 – Thesis or
*UAF 695 and UAF 696 Comprehensive Exam
Total = 9 semester hours

Sixth Semester Course
UAF 750 – Continuing Registration

*Core Courses : Total = 24 hours
** Concentration Courses : Take 4 of 6 course listed for 12 hours

Thirty-six (36) hours are required for degree completion.

How to Apply? Submit the following:

A completed application form;
Three letters of recommendation from persons of professional status who are familiar with your background and prior performance in academic and professional activities. An official transcript from all colleges and universities attended. A Statement of Professional Interest; $35.00 application fee (certified check or money order) must accompany the application for admission, and should be made payable to Norfolk State University. All application materials must be received by March 1 for consideration during Summer/Fall and by October 1 for the spring. Call or write:

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Norfolk State University
School of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
Master of Arts in Urban Affairs

Get your Master’s
In
Urban Affairs

Make a Difference in Communities,
Local, State and Federal
Government; and in the lives of
individuals
Who Should Obtain a Master’s Degree in Urban Affairs?

The Master of Urban Affairs degree program is structured to meet the career development needs of adults desiring to work in urban administration or professional positions that address urban issues. Career opportunities exist in local, state and federal government, as well as in the business and non-profit sectors. As over half the world population lives in or near urban areas, the study of urban affairs represents an important discipline.

Issues of Urban Affairs include, but are not limited to: Urban/Government Planning and Administration, Human Resources Development, Community Organizations, Community Organizing, Public Health, Urban revitalization, Urban Problems (housing, Criminal Justice, Education, transportation), Civics, Urban Studies and other Urban Studies and other urban environments!

The Program of Study includes, but is not limited to the study of urban models relative to communities and neighborhoods, urban problems (crime, education, transportation, and poverty), the metropolitan landscape, urban economies, revival, and politics, research methods, and a focus on urban administration and management.

The Program is multidisciplinary, utilizing the resources of Social Science disciplines. The two-year curriculum is designed to provide urban specialists with knowledge and skills needed in identifying and analyzing urban problems while assuring future policy. Graduating students are expected to play important roles in decision making as they relate to the delivery of services, thereby increasing the quality of urban life.

The successful completion of the program requires 36 semester hours of coursework including a thesis focusing on an urban problem.

All course work is offered during the late afternoon or evening, thus allowing students to be gainfully employed. Interested persons should be aware that classes are taught at both campuses – the NSU main campus, and the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. Students, who are unable to participate in an internship, may take an approved course.

ADMISSIONS

Admission requirements for the Graduate program in urban Affairs are as follow: Applicants are admitted to study in one of two classifications: degree seeking (regular) and non-degree seeking.

Degree Status:

To be admitted as a degree candidate, a student must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 on a four-point scale.

Non-Degree Status:

Non-degree status is reserved for:

(1) Those individuals who meet all requirements for regular admission but who do not seek to take courses leading to a particular degree and;
(2) Those students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accreditation institution but whose academic record reflects less that the required minimum G.P.A. for regular admission. Such persons may be admitted as non-degree seeking students.

However, upon completion of nine (9) credit hours, with a 3.0 or better grade point average, the non-degree student may petition for a change to regular admission status.

The change in status does not imply that all course work completed will be automatically applied to degree requirements, since the courses may have been taken on a non-credit basis.

Generally, a maximum of six (6) credit hours may be applied (transferred) toward degree requirements.