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From: Public Policy Administration

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Date: 7/9/12

Department Chair

From: Graduate School

Approved By: Judith Walker de Felix

Date: 7/10/12

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Title of Degree, Minor, or Certificate Program: **Master of Public Policy Administration: Local Government Management Certificate Program**

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**Rationale:**

**Updating courses that are relevant for students seeking a certificate in local government management.**
3. **P P ADM 6490**, Human Resources in the Public Sector (3 hours) and

4. **P P ADM 6180**, Government Budgeting and Financial Control (3 hours)

B. Three hours of electives are to be taken from selected courses in, business administration, criminal justice, economics, political science, public policy administration, and sociology. A student may choose among these courses or other courses approved by the program director. Electives will be chosen from the following:

- **CRIMIN 6442**, Communities and Crime
- **ECON 4500**, Public Finance: State and Local
- **ECON 5700**, Regional and Urban Economics
- **ECON 5750**, Political Economy of Healthcare
- **POL SCI 4460**, Urban Planning and Politics
- **POL SCI 6433**, Elections, Public Opinion, and Public Policy
- **POL SCI 6470**, Proseminar in Urban Politics
- **POL SCI 6471**, Seminar in Urban Politics
- **P P ADM 6300/SOC WK 6300**, Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Organizations
- **P P ADM 6340**, Seminar in City Administration
- **P P ADM 6350**, Issues in Urban Management
- **P P ADM/POL SCI 6400**, Proseminar in Public Policy Administration
- **P P ADM 6510**, Urban and Regional Planning and Public Policy
- **P P ADM 6600**, Organizational Behavior and Administrative Processes
- **P P ADM 6680/MGMT 5612**, Negotiating Workplace Conflict
- **SOC 5430**, Policy Mediation Processes

*Other courses may be added as advisors deem appropriate for content.*
C. Three hours of internship or equivalent professional experience are also required but may be waived. Any request for an exemption from the internship requirement must be approved by the local government program director after a review of the student’s professional or managerial field experience with appropriate documentation. Students who receive an exemption must take another three hours of electives from Area B. The internship will include learning activities in management and governance processes in local government jurisdictions, as well as a seminar in which students will critically reflect on their field experience with a faculty supervisor.

Minimal requirements of admission to the graduate certificate program are the same as those required for admission to the Graduate School: an undergraduate degree, and a GPA of 2.75 or better.