PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MPA/ ENTP

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Introduction

The Dual Master of Science in Entrepreneurship/Master of Public Administration (MS ENTP/MPA) program offers an interdisciplinary approach to business innovation and public service leadership. Designed for students seeking to drive social impact through entrepreneurship and governance, this program integrates key coursework from both the School of Business and the School of Public Affairs. Students will develop expertise in social entrepreneurship, data analytics, organizational management, and policy-making while gaining practical experience through hands-on learning and culminating capstone projects. Upon completion, graduates will be equipped with the skills to lead innovative ventures, manage public resources effectively, and navigate complex economic and regulatory landscapes. This dual-degree pathway prepares professionals to bridge the gap between entrepreneurial initiatives and public administration, fostering sustainable and impactful change.

Admission

Students interested in pursuing the dual-degree program must apply to and be admitted to each of the programs. Students admitted to one program may choose to apply to the other program at a later date. Learn more (https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/prospective-and-admitted-students/admission/) about how to apply for each of the programs on the School of Public Affairs website.

Program Delivery

- Courses are offered on campus, online, and in remote and hybrid formats.

Program Requirements:

1. Students are required to complete at least 42 credit hours of approved coursework (or 45 hours if internship is required.
2. Students must earn a minimum B- grade in each required course applied to satisfy degree requirements and must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
3. No more than six semester hours of Independent Study may be applied toward the degrees.
4. For more detailed information about course sequencing and requirements, contact your advisor.
5. This program must be completed within 7 years.

Code	Title	Hours
Social Entrepreneurship		**3**
Select one of the following		
ENTP 6200	Purpose-Driven Innovation in Social Entrepreneurship	
PUAD 5180	Social Entrepreneurship	
Research and Data Analysis		**3**
Select one of the following		
ENTP 6838	Data Analysis in Innovation and Entrepreneurship	
PUAD 5003	Research and Analytic Methods	
MPA Requirements [1]		**15**
PUAD 5001	Introduction to Public Administration and Public Service	
PUAD 5002	Organizational Management and Behavior	
PUAD 5004	Economics and Public Finance	
or PUAD 550	Public Budgeting and Finance	
PUAD 5005	The Policy Process and Democracy	
PUAD 5006	Public Service Leadership and Ethics	
ENTP Requirements [1]		**15**
Students can select 5 courses from the list below		
ENTP 5939	Internship	
ENTP 6021	Corporate Entrepreneurship	
ENTP 6024	The Startup Launch	
ENTP 6028	Global Study Topics	
ENTP 6110	Innovation in Fintech	
ENTP 6200	Purpose-Driven Innovation in Social Entrepreneurship	
ENTP 6300	AI-Driven Entrepreneurship	
ENTP 6620	New Venture Operations and Project Management	
ENTP 6822	Legal and Ethical Issues of Entrepreneurship	
ENTP 6824	Entrepreneurial Financial Management	
ENTP 6826	International Entrepreneurship	
ENTP 6834	Lean Marketing	
ENTP 6840	Independent Study: ENTP	
ENTP 6842	Fundamentals of Idea Feasibility	
ENTP 6848	Leadership for New and Innovative Ventures	
ENTP 6860	Innovation in Blockchain	
Culminating Courses		**6**
ENTP 6020	Strategizing the Startup Prelaunch	
PUAD 5361	MPA Capstone Seminar	
Internship		**3**
PUAD 6910	Internship [2]	
Total Hours		**45**

[1] Students are required to take 7 ENTP courses and 7 PUAD courses to fulfill the dual degree requirements. That means that if a student chooses to take ENTP 6200 for the Social Entrepreneurship category, they need to take PUAD 5003 for the Research and Data Analysis category.

[2] Internship: Students who have limited experience (generally defined as less than one year of experience) in public, nonprofit or relevant private-sector service must enroll in PUAD 6910 (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/search/?P=PUAD%206910) Internship. The decision to require PUAD 6910 (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/search/?P=PUAD%206910) Internship for a particular student is made by the faculty admissions committee or the student's faculty advisor upon the student's acceptance to the MPA program. A minimum of 300 hours of supervised work and study is required to earn the 3.00 credit hours for this course. The internship requirement raises the total credit hours needed to earn the dual degree from 42 to 45 credits.