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### COVER SHEET FOR GRADUATE CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

All curriculum proposals should be sent to the Graduate School office for review and distribution. Information items will be handled administratively and require the "Cover Sheet for Graduate Information Items." New curriculum proposals and substantive curriculum changes require the action of both Graduate Council and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and use this cover sheet. When all signatures have been obtained, the Graduate School will notify the originator of the proposal that it has been sent to the Graduate Council curriculum committee.

Originator: David Edwards/MPA Program

Date: October 3, 2008

Title of Proposal: Changing POLS 590, The MPA Paper, From a Core Requirement to an Elective

Proposed Starting Date: Fall, 2009

REVIEWED BY:				
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\* Those who disapprove must attach an explanation.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTION BY GRADUATE COUNCIL

Approved as submitted

Approved with amendments (amendments indicated and transmitted to originator to revise and submit electronically for Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate)

Reviewed by the Provost [Signature] 2/2/09

Provost's signature Date approve disapprove\*

Forwarded to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate

Graduate Council Chair [Signature] 11-13-08

Graduate Council Chair's signature Date

#### SUMMARY OF ACTION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Approved as submitted

Referred to Faculty Senate for action. [Signature] 11/21/08

President, Faculty Senate Date

2/17/09 Date sent to Originator

2/17/09 Date sent to University Registrar

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**Proposal for Changing POLS 590, The MPA Paper, From a Core Requirement to an Elective  
The Master of Public Administration Degree Program**

**Statement of Request**

The MPA faculty proposes changing POLS 590, The MPA Paper, from a core requirement for the degree requirement to an elective.

**Rationale**

POLS 540, Applications in Public Administration, was developed as the MPA program cumulative experience. The course originally included a writing component. However, due to faculty teaching assignments, the writing requirement was removed from POLS 540. POLS 590, The MPA Paper, was changed from an elective to a core requirement to take the place of the writing component removed from 540. This means that MPA students face two cumulative requirements, 540 and 590, while only the former is identified as such in the catalog. In addition, removal of the writing component from POLS 540 has led to dilution of the integrative focus in that course.

*writing component removed but course description maintained requirement ya*

Our intent is to return the writing component of the cumulative experience to POLS 540 and to retain POLS 590 as an elective. This will bring the MPA program into conformity with other UTC graduate programs and allow us to better integrate program material.

**Description**

The proposed change will reduce the number of credit hours required for the degree from 39 to 36 credit hours for in-service students and from 45 to 42 credit hours for pre-service students. This was the number of credit hours required prior to adding the MPA Paper as a core requirement and is comparable to other graduate programs. The change will not affect admission requirements, continuation standards, or prerequisite requirements.

*add: culminating experience to 540 course description.*

**General Impact Statement**

No impact on other departments or on budgets.

**Proposed Catalog Description**

The proposal will require minor catalog changes as noted below:

**Current Catalog Language**

**Program Requirements**

This program requires 27 credit hours of core courses, 12 credit hours of elective courses, and a six credit hour public administration internship.

**Change required by proposal**

**Program Requirements**

This program requires 24 credit hours of core courses, 12 credit hours of elective courses, and a six credit hour public administration internship.

## Current Catalog Language

### Core Courses

All M.P.A. students complete 27 semester hours of core courses:

POLS 502 Public Policy Research & Analysis I .....	3
POLS 504 Public Policy Research and Analysis II .....	3
POLS 512 Organization Theory and Administrative Behavior.....	3
POLS 521 Public Administration.....	3
POLS 522 Budgeting and Finance .....	3
POLS 523 Human Resources Management .....	3
POLS 524 Public Policy.....	3
POLS 540 Applications in Public Administration.....	3
<b>POLS 590 The MPA Paper .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>27</b>

### Electives

Students must complete 12 credit hours of elective courses identified in consultation with the M.P.A. coordinator.

## Change required by proposal

### Core Courses

All M.P.A. students complete <sup>24</sup>~~27~~ semester hours of core courses:

POLS 502 Public Policy Research & Analysis I .....	3
POLS 504 Public Policy Research and Analysis II .....	3
POLS 512 Organization Theory and Administrative Behavior.....	3
POLS 521 Public Administration.....	3
POLS 522 Budgeting and Finance .....	3
POLS 523 Human Resources Management .....	3
POLS 524 Public Policy.....	3
POLS 540 Applications in Public Administration.....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>24</b>

### Electives

Students must complete 12 credit hours of elective courses identified in consultation with the M.P.A. coordinator.