

# PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMPHASIS

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## Planning and Economic Development, Emphasis

The introduction of an area of emphasis in Planning and Economic Development within our MPA program is a strategic response to the evolving demands of the public administration field. Industry standards underscore the critical need for professionals equipped with a nuanced understanding of urban planning, economic policies, and community development. This emphasis addresses a substantial gap in specialized knowledge, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for roles that require comprehensive skills in urban and regional planning, economic analysis, and sustainable development practices. By aligning our curriculum with these industry imperatives, we aim to produce graduates capable of addressing complex challenges and contributing to the sustainable growth and development of communities and regions.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select 12 hours from the following:		
PADM 618	Debates in Public Admin	3
PADM 654	Public Organizations	3
GEO 510	Urban Geography	3
GEO 523	Cartography & GIS	3
GEO 524	Transportation Geography	3
GEO 526	Principles of GIS	4
GEO 534	Flood Hazards and GIS	3
GEO 607	Economic Geography	3
GEO 619	Seminars in Geography	1-3