

**Master in Public Policy**  
**Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Full Time Resident Students**

**Note:** The following complies with Graduate School Policies and Procedures and the MPP Handbook concerning **Satisfactory Academic Progress** toward the full-time resident MPP program. Exceptions to policy must be made in writing by the Graduate Director in consultation with Program Committee Chairs and when appropriate, with approval of the OSU Graduate School.

The OSU Graduate Catalog indicates that a student may be dismissed from the Graduate School for "...failing to make satisfactory progress toward an academic degree, as determined by a major department or the Graduate School..." The catalog indicates that satisfactory progress includes maintaining a GPA of 3.00 or better for all courses taken as a graduate student and for courses included in the graduate program, meeting departmental requirements, and participating in a creative activity such as the MPP Essay. The MPP Handbook also states that to maintain satisfactory academic progress: "Incomplete grades must be resolved within the quarter following the quarter in which the incomplete grade occurred; incomplete courses in fall quarter must be completed the following winter quarter. Students who are carrying incomplete grades in more than one course will not be allowed to enroll in new course work until the incomplete course work is finished."

**Year 1**

<i>Fall Quarter</i>	Discuss your goals, expectations and required prerequisites and core coursework with the Graduate Director.
	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives.
	Complete FERPA, IRB and Diversity Training (Professional Development Seminar).
	Complete and submit an Individual Development Plan to the Graduate Director.
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.
<i>Winter Quarter</i>	Select program committee chair from approved MPP faculty list (and 2 additional committee members if appropriate).
	Meet with your program committee chair to create a program of study; take to the meeting all transcripts, list of eligible transfer credits, transfer form, your program curriculum checklist, Program of Study Draft, general overview of planned MPP Essay research topic, and Individual Development Plan.
	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives.
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.
<i>Spring Quarter</i>	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives.
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.

## Year 2

<i>Fall Quarter</i>	Select additional 2 committee members from approved MPP faculty list. Submit a MPP Essay abstract with program committee signatures to second year Professional Development Seminar.
	Meet with your program committee to review the program of study; take to the meeting the Program Checklist, all transcripts, list of eligible transfer credits, transfer form, your program curriculum checklist, Program of Study Draft, general overview of planned MPP Essay research topic(s), and Individual Development Plan.
	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives as needed.
	Complete and submit an updated Individual Development Plan to your committee chair.
	Begin data collection, analyses and writing of MPP Essay.
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.
<i>Winter Quarter</i>	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives as needed.
	Satisfactory progress is made on MPP Essay data collection, analysis and writing (program committee evaluates).
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.
	If MPP Essay defense, at least 2 weeks before final oral examination: use online form to schedule final oral examination; distribute a defensible copy of MPP Essay to program committee at least 2 weeks before the defense; provide the Graduate School with an updated program of study as needed.
	<b>Satisfactory academic progress:</b> Final MPP Essay oral exam passed unanimously or with 1 dissenting vote. Final MPP Essay copy sent to Graduate Director and Assistant within 2 weeks of defense date. <b>Unsatisfactory academic progress:</b> Failed final MPP oral exam (2 or more dissenting votes) can result in termination from the program or allowing 1 additional attempt to pass oral defense at the discretion of the committee. At least 1 term must elapse between first and second defenses (if allowed).

<i>Spring Quarter</i>	Enroll in required core coursework and electives as needed.
	Satisfactory progress is made on MPP Essay data collection, analysis and writing (program committee evaluates).
	Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA with no course grades below B minus.
	Continuous enrollment policy required.
	If MPP Essay defense, at least 2 weeks before final oral examination: use online form to schedule final oral examination; distribute a defensible copy of MPP Essay to program committee at least 2 weeks before the defense; provide the Graduate School with an updated program of study as needed.
	<p><b>Satisfactory academic progress:</b> Final MPP Essay oral exam passed unanimously or with 1 dissenting vote. Final MPP Essay copy sent to Graduate Director and Assistant within 2 weeks of defense date.</p> <p><b>Unsatisfactory academic progress:</b> Failed final MPP oral exam (2 or more dissenting votes) can result in termination from the program or allowing 1 additional attempt to pass oral defense at the discretion of the committee. At least 1 term must elapse between first and second defenses (if allowed).</p>