

Master in Public Policy
Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Part Time & Ecampus Students

Note: The following complies with Graduate School Policies and Procedures and the MPP Handbook concerning **Satisfactory Academic Progress** toward the Ecampus 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."

"All work toward a master's degree, including transferred credits, course work, thesis (if required), and all examinations, must be completed within seven years. Time in which the student is on a leave of absence is included in the seven year limit."

Year 1	Discuss your goals, expectations and required prerequisites and core coursework with the Graduate Director.
	Enroll in required prerequisites, core coursework and electives.
	Complete 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.
Year 1-2	"A regular master's degree student must complete a program of study in consultation with an advisor/advisory committee before completing 18 graduate credits. This includes credits earned as a postbaccalaureate, graduate nondegree-seeking student, or graduate student." Form a MPP Committee from the approved list of faculty (MPP website): 1 chair and 2 committee members.
	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.
Years 2+	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.

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.

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.

Satisfactory academic progress: 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.

Unsatisfactory academic progress: 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).