



## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: Course/Program Actions: Effective Date: Summer Semester, 2003,  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Senate Council circulates for your approval the following curricular actions. Objections will be accepted from University Senators and faculty members and must be received within ten days of receipt of this notice. All other requirements for the courses or programs as approved below must be met.

### SENATE COUNCIL

#### **THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

##### University Scholars Agreement – Martin School and Morehead State

The Martin School offers particularly gifted and highly motivated students from Morehead State the opportunity and the challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study in a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate degree and a Master of Public Administration.

##### The Proposal:

Master of Public Administration - Morehead State University  
Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP)  
Scholars Program

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Martin School offers particularly gifted and highly motivated students from Morehead State the opportunity and the challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study in a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate degree and a Master of Public Administration. The Master of Public Administration Accelerated Program (MPA/AP) is designed for students with an interest in public service careers as policy analysts and

administrators in public and non-for-profit organizations . The program allows the added benefit of allowing students to take UK graduate-level courses during the fourth year of their undergraduate program, thus reducing the overall amount of course work.

The total number of hours for the combined programs may be up to 12 fewer hours than the total required for earning both the bachelor's and the master's degrees separately. Undergraduates must meet all requirements for the bachelor's degree as specified by their respective degree programs as well as all the requirements of the Graduate School and The Master of Public Policy and Administration . The Dean of IRAPP, the faculty advisor, and the Academic Policy Committee must approve students before entering the program.

#### ADMISSION CRITERIA

Application to the program should be submitted at the end of the student's junior year at Morehead State.

Applicants should have completed at least 90 credit hours of work or have senior standing in the semester when they are admitted to the program.

The student's undergraduate grade point average must be at least 3.5 in the applicant's major field and at least 3.2 overall.

#### ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Students applying to the program are expected to submit all materials required of the Graduate School and the Martin School including:

The standard Graduate School application form, which is available in the Graduate School Admissions Office or on-line at [www.rgs.uky.edu/gsapDlication .html](http://www.rgs.uky.edu/gsapDlication.html).

The appropriate Graduate Application fee (International or Domestic)

Two official transcripts in sealed envelopes sent to the Graduate School directly from the Registrar of Morehead State

Official Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

Three letters of recommendation, including at least two from faculty members at Morehead State.

A one to two page letter stating why they are interested in earning an MPA degree.

#### ACADEMIC PROCEDURES

Students may take no more than 9 graduate credit hours per semester prior to the awarding of their Bachelor's degree except by recommendation of their Director of Graduate Studies and by approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Students must be enrolled in IRAPP.

Students must have an undergraduate advisor in IRAPP.

Students must be recommended by the Dean of IRAPP.

The Director of Graduate Studies for the MPA Program serves as the advisor for the student's graduate work .

The MPA degree requires 45 hours of course work, including an administrative core (27 credits), PA 681 Capstone in Pubic Administration, a 400 hour internship, 9 semester hours in an area of concentration and 3 hours of elective work as described in the attached brochure.

#### TUITION PAYMENT

During the 4th year of study students will pay tuition and fees to Morehead State. Morehead State will pay tuition for these students. Students must notify the Student Billing Office at U.K. that their bill is being paid by Morehead State at the start of each term.

In the 5th year of study students will pay all tuition and required fees to the University of Kentucky.

#### FINANCIAL AID

During the 5th year, financial assistance in the form of academic and minority fellowships, research assistantships, and tuition scholarships is available to qualified full-time students on a competitive basis through the Martin School. Students requesting financial assistance should inform the Director of Graduate Study of their interest by March 1 of the previous academic year.

#### JOINT PROGRAMS

The Martin School and Morehead State-IRAPP agree to collaborate in a joint program benefiting both. In that connection, they agree to a minimum of at least two academic exchanges each year and to invite students and faculty from both institutions to each other's public programs.

#### JOINT RESEARCH

The Martin School and Morehead State-IRAPP agree to explore joint programs, grants, and research for the mutual benefit of faculty and students at both institutions.