

Montana University System
INTENT TO PLAN FORM

Program/Center/Institute Title: PhD in Public Affairs

Campus, School/Department: UM's Department of Public Administration & Policy (DPAP) Expected Submission Date: Fall 2019

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To increase communication, collaboration, and problem-solving opportunities throughout the MUS in the program/center/institute development process, please complete this form not more than 18 months in advance of the anticipated date of submission of the proposed program/center/institute to the Board of Regents for approval. The completed form should not be more than 2-3 pages. For more information regarding the Intent to Plan process, please visit <http://mus.edu/che/arsa/academicproposals.asp>.

1) Provide a description of the program/center/institute.

The University of Montana's DPAP proposes the creation of the first-ever PhD in Public Affairs for the MUS.

2) Describe the need for the program/center/institute. Specifically, how the program/center/institute meets current student and workforce demands. (Please cite sources).

An online PhD in Public Affairs meets national trends for public sector and nonprofit sector professionals interested in public administration, public policy, or nonprofit sector work. In our recent accreditation site visit, it was noted that one strategic opportunity for our students would be to create a PhD in public affairs. The core curriculum and advisement would be housed in DPAP but elective offerings across campus.

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3) Describe how the program/center/institute fits with the institutional mission, strategic plan, and existing institutional program array.

The PhD in public affairs provides flexibility for working professionals wanting to advance in public affairs work, meeting the needs of UM's law, policy, and public service community of excellence. Moreover, it meets the advanced curricular opportunities for our current and graduating students in the Master of Public Administration Program.

4) Describe how the program/center/institute overlaps, complements, or duplicates existing efforts in the MUS. Describe efforts that will be made to collaborate with similar programs at other institutions. If no efforts will be made, please explain why.

MSU-Bozeman recently proposed a PhD in public administration and policy. We have had discussions about concerns regarding duplication. We look for insight from administration on both campuses and OCHE to determine placement for this advanced degree.

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