**Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs**

Dean’s Certificate in State and Local Finance

Course Certification Form

Certificate Requirements

The Certificate in State and Local Finance requires successful completion of five three-credit courses. One of these courses, the foundational course, is required of all MPAff, dual degree MPAff and CRP masters students as part of their degree’s core curriculum. Another course, PA 388L Financing the State and Local Government Sector, is required of all certificate-seeking students. A third course must be selected within a category of economic development courses. The final two courses are electives based on student interest selected among a menu of finance-related courses. While students have flexibility in their choice of electives, the course topics fall into four general categories most relevant for state and local finance: 1) government accounting, 2) public finance and budgeting, 3) capital markets and fixed income securities, and 4) economic development. Students may petition the certificate coordination committee to enroll in a finance-related course not included on the electives list including a policy research project, professional report or conference course. The list below details the course requirements.

1. Foundational course (one required for all students):
   1. PA 391 Public Financial Management (core course for all MPAff and dual-degree MPAff students)
   2. CRP 380F-3 Public Economics and Finance (core course for all CRP students)
2. State and local financing course (required for all students):
   1. PA 391F State and Local Finance
3. Economic development course (one required for all students):
   1. PA 393 Urban Economics and Policy
   2. PA 388K Applied Strategies and Policies for Economic Development
   3. CRP 385C-2 Urban Economic Development Policy
   4. CRP 385C-3 Sustainable Urban Economic Development Planning
   5. ECON 380N Urban Economics
4. Elective courses (students choose two):
   1. PA 381W Federal Budget and Government Finance
   2. PA 391F Finance for Social Innovation
   3. PA 388K Co-Creation, Advocacy and Finance
   4. PA Government Revenue Administration and Policy[[1]](#footnote-1)
   5. PA 398R Professional Report (need to petition certificate coordinator)
   6. PA 680PB Policy Research Project (need to petition certificate coordinator)
   7. PA 389 Conference Course in Policy Analysis (need to petition certificate coordinator)
   8. ECON 384H Seminar in Public Finance
   9. BA 284T Financial Accounting[[2]](#footnote-2)
   10. ACC 380K.26 Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting (currently very limited seating and prerequisite is BA 284T or approval from instructor)
   11. ACC 380K.7 Financial Statement Analysis
   12. LAW 28215 Capital Markets and Financial Intermediation
   13. FIN 397.2 Portfolio Management and Security Analysis
   14. FIN 397.5 Fixed Income Analysis
   15. CRP 386 Financing Real Estate Projects: Nonprofit and For-Profit
   16. SWN393T29 Financial Management in Human Services

Certificate Courses

Please identify the courses that you have taken to satisfy the certificate requirements and list them in the table below.

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Certificate Coordinator (signature) Date

1. Proposed course currently under development by Martin Luby and offered as a conference course [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This course is a requirement for dual degree MPAff-MBA students. As such, this is only an elective choice for non-dual degree MPAff-MBA students. Dual degree MPAff-MBA students must choose a different elective. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)