

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed: Proposal for a New MPA Concentration in Urban Sustainability

Summary of Proposal: This new program is designed to prepare individuals for managerial positions in public and non-profit agencies and organizations. The program will provide students with the tools they need to define and implement sustainable policies and prepare them to advance in positions of leadership. Program is unique in its focus on sustainable management and policy in the broader context of public affairs and management. The program is academically sound requiring students to complete a total of 48 credit hours (39 from required courses and 9 additional credit hours including internship or practica). The degree to be awarded is Master of Public Affairs with concentration in Urban Sustainability from IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs (IUPUI) and accredited by NASPAA.

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

Yes, the goal of preparing individuals for managerial positions in public and non-profit agencies and organizations is clear and achievable.

2. Is the program academically sound?

Yes, The program requires students to complete a total of 48 credit hours (39 from required courses and 9 additional credit hours including internship or practica).

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

Yes, there is clear relevant Faculty expertise to adequately run this program.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

Given that there are no other graduate programs in sustainability, public affairs or policy analysis on the IUPUI campus, it is not anticipated that this program will "harm" existing programs.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

No significant concerns with the proposal were identified. I recommend the program be accepted.

