

## Introduction

The following document provides instructions for completing your iPOS. Questions regarding selecting course and degree requirements should be directed to your Academic Program Staff Advisor. You can access your Advisor's contact information by selecting on the "Advisors" tab on the iPOS. You may access this information prior to completing your iPOS. For assistance with completing your iPOS, please work with your Academic Program Staff Advisor. To report technical issues, please contact the Graduate College at [grad-gps@asu.edu](mailto:grad-gps@asu.edu) or 480-965-3521.

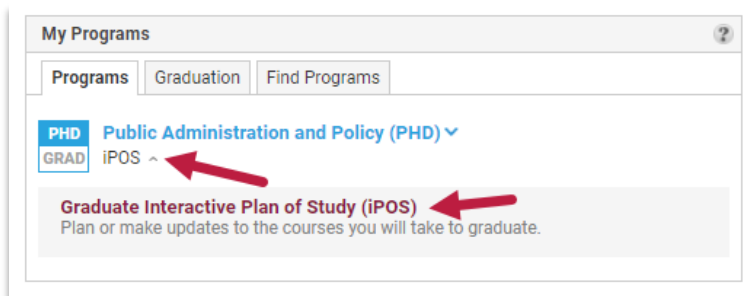
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## Accessing the iPOS

- Login to [MyASU](#)
- Under "Programs", select iPOS
- Select "Graduate Interactive Plan of Study (iPOS)"  
**Note:** Pop up blocker may need to be turned off



# Completing the iPOS

Complete the iPOS by updating the information contained in each section. Watch for the blue information dots located throughout the iPOS, which provide help along the way. The iPOS is mobile friendly, please be advised that the pictures in this document may look different on mobile views, however, the functionality is the same.

Degree Requirements



## Welcome

- Select the box at the bottom of the page to confirm reading the ASU Graduate College policy manual
- Select “Save”
- Select “Next”

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### Welcome to your interactive Plan of Study (iPOS)!

This interactive tool will soon be your new best friend, as it will help you navigate and plan all your program requirements, as well as track your progress through coursework and milestones.

Here's how to get started:

1. First, consult with your program advisor as soon as possible, for guidance on those requirements, and ask for a copy of your program handbook if you haven't yet received one. Your handbook will provide a ready reference for all program requirements.
2. Then, fill in your iPOS with the requirements you and your advisor agreed on.
3. Submit!

Once you submit your iPOS, the system will alert you to any errors, or prompt you with a petition if you are making a request that is outside of standard graduate policy. Then it will be reviewed by your academic program, and sent on to the [Graduate College](#) for final review.

Please watch this short video:

One last but supremely important note:

All graduate students are required to read the [ASU Graduate College policy manual](#) and be familiar with graduate policy, as well as act with honesty and [academic integrity](#) when carrying out all academic assignments.

☐ By selecting this box, I am confirming that I have read the ASU Graduate College policy manual.

**Save**

## Degree Requirements

The Degree Requirements page will populate the various tracks for completing the degree. You may notice you have one or more options for completing your degree. Choose the appropriate degree requirements in conjunction with your Academic Program Staff Advisor.

Note: Degree options displayed are based on your catalog year. If you do not see an expected degree requirement option, please contact your Academic Program Staff Advisor.

### Programs with only one option for degree requirements

- Select "Save"
- Select "Next"

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Please save to acknowledge this option.

**Degree Requirements** ⓘ

For assistance with choosing your program requirements, please contact your academic Staff Advisor. If you have not yet been assigned a Staff Advisor, please contact your academic unit at (6-0450 or by email at [phd@su.edu](mailto:phd@su.edu). You may also visit their web site at [su.edu](http://su.edu).

Specific Staff Advisor contact information is located in the Staff Advisor section of your iPOS.

To qualify for graduation, all requirements must be fulfilled. **This program only has one option and has been automatically selected for you to complete.**

**Requirements**

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

Cancel Save

### Programs with more than one option for degree requirements

- Select "Select Requirement"

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**Degree Requirements** ⓘ

For assistance with choosing your program requirements, please contact your academic Staff Advisor. If you have not yet been assigned a Staff Advisor, please contact your academic unit at (6-5555 or by email at [muep@su.edu](mailto:muep@su.edu). You may also visit their web site at [su.edu](http://su.edu).

Specific Staff Advisor contact information is located in the Staff Advisor section of your iPOS.

To qualify for graduation, all requirements must be fulfilled. In consultation with your advisor, select the approved requirements you will complete.

**Select Requirement**

No requirements have been selected.

Cancel Save

- Select on the appropriate degree requirements

**Note:** Direct degree requirement questions to your Academic Program Staff Advisor.

To qualify for graduation, all requirements must be fulfilled. In consultation with your advisor, select the approved requirements you will complete.

**Degree Requirements**

Requirements

- 47 credit hours including the required applied project course (PUP 593) >
- 47 credit hours including the required capstone course (PUP 580) >
- 47 credit hours and a thesis >

- Select "Save"
- Select "Next"

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For assistance with choosing your program requirements, please contact your academic Staff Advisor. If you have not yet been assigned a Staff Advisor, please contact your academic unit of [5555](mailto:5555) or by email at [J.EDU](mailto:J.EDU). You may also visit their web [inning](http://www.inning).

Specific Staff Advisor contact information is located in the Staff Advisor section of your iPOS.

To qualify for graduation, all requirements must be fulfilled. In consultation with your advisor, select the approved requirements you will complete.

Requirements

- 47 credit hours including the required applied project course (PUP 593) >

Cancel Save

## Previous Degree

Applicable to Doctoral students only. All other students go to [Course Admin](#).

Students may apply up to 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree toward their doctoral degree with the approval from both the academic unit and the Dean of the Graduate College. Select "Yes" to include up to 30 hours from a previously awarded master's degree or "No" to continue completing your iPOS.

**Previous Degree** ⓘ

Have you been approved to apply a previously awarded master's degree towards this Doctoral degree?

### **"Yes"**

- Enter the number of credit hours approved to be used
- Select "Save"

**Note:** If the master's degree is not available on the iPOS, contact Graduate Admissions at [gograd@asu.edu](mailto:gograd@asu.edu)

- Select "Save"
- Select "Next"

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**Previous Degree** ⓘ

Have you been approved to apply a previously awarded master's degree towards this Doctoral degree? Yes ▾

Please note: You will need to add the Blanket Hours in the appropriate section(s) on the Course Admin page. Transfer hours should not be added individually unless they were not used towards a previously awarded degree.

How many Blanket Hours have you been approved to use? ▾

Select the degree you have been approved to apply to your doctoral degree. If you have earned a master's degree that is not listed below, please contact Admission Services regarding your transcripts.

Institution	Degree	Date Earned
California Southern University	Master of Arts	05/01/2018

### **"No"**

- Select "Save"
- Select "Next"

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**Previous Degree** ⓘ

Have you been approved to apply a previously awarded master's degree towards this Doctoral degree? No ▾

## Course Admin

Courses in the iPOS are added in a variety of ways. Some courses are pre-programmed based on catalog year, while others will be added from transcript, entered as future courses, transfer courses or Blanket Hours.

- Select your “Anticipated Graduation Term”

The screenshot shows the 'Course Admin' interface. At the top, there is a header 'Course Admin' with an information icon. Below it, a paragraph explains how to add courses. The main section is titled 'Anticipated Graduation Term' and features a dropdown menu. A red arrow points to the dropdown menu, which is open, showing a list of terms from '2018 Fall' to '2024 Spring'. To the left of the dropdown, there are two sections: 'Required Core (24 credit hours)' and 'Electives (15 credit hours)'. Each section has a maroon button labeled 'Add Required Core' and 'Add Electives' respectively. Below these buttons, it says 'No courses have been selected'. To the right of the dropdown, there are two 'Current Total (0 hours)' labels.

- Select the maroon button in each section to add courses

This screenshot focuses on the 'Required Core (24 credit hours)' section. It shows a maroon button labeled 'Add Required Core' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the button, it says 'No courses have been selected'. To the right, it says 'Current Total (0 hours)'.

[Appendix A](#) provides directions for adding [preloaded](#), [transcript](#), [future](#), [transfer](#) and [Blanket Hours](#).

- Select “Save” after all degree requirements have been entered

This screenshot shows the 'Open Courses' and 'Culminating Experience' sections. The 'Open Courses' section has a maroon button labeled 'Add Open Courses' and a 'Current Total (0 hours)' label. The 'Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)' section has a maroon button labeled 'Add Culminating Experience' and a 'Current Total (12 hours)' label. Below the 'Add Culminating Experience' button, there is a table with columns: Term, Session, Course, Class Nbr, Description, Hours, Grade, Institution, Transfer Verified, Concurrent, and Status. The table contains three rows of data for 'Dissertation' courses. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save', with a red arrow pointing to the 'Save' button. To the right of the 'Save' button, there is a 'View GPA/Totals' button. At the bottom left, there is a label 'Program Requirement (84 hours)' and at the bottom right, a label 'Total (84 hours)'.

- After confirming all course validations have passed, select “Next”

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**Add Culminating Experience**

Term	Session	Course	Class Nbr	Description	Hours	Grade	Institution	Transfer Verified	Concurrent	Status
2022 Spring		PAF 799		Dissertation	4.00		ASU			>
2022 Fall		PAF 799		Dissertation	4.00		ASU			>
2023 Spring		PAF 799		Dissertation	4.00		ASU			>

Program Requirement (84 hours) Total (87 hours)

All courses validations have passed and the minimum credit hours requirement for this program is met.  
Next steps: Review your Faculty Committee and submit your iPOS on the Summary/Submit page.

Cancel Save View GPA/Totals

## Course Summary

- Review Course Summary
- Select “Next”

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**Course Summary**

Anticipated Graduation Term: 2023 Spring ASU Hours after Admit: 57.00 Cumulative GPA: 3.67

Approved Blanket Hours: 30 Blanket Hours: 30 Overall Graduate GPA: 3.667

iPOS Total Hours: 87.00 iPOS GPA: 3.667

Term	Session	Course	Class Nbr	Description	Hours	Grade	Institution	Transfer Verified	Concurrent	Status
2018 Fall	C	PAF 601	91450	Advanced Public Policy Seminar	3.00	A	ASU			✓
2018 Fall	C	PAF 602	71717	Adv Rsrch Desgn for Public Pol	3.00	A-	ASU			✓
2018 Fall	C	PAF 605	87363	Org. Theory and Behav. Seminar	3.00		ASU			⚠
2019 Spring	C	PAF 620	17571	PA Prof Development Workshop	3.00		ASU			
2019 Spring	C	PAF 604	14986	Intellect Foundns Public Admn	3.00		ASU			
2020 Fall		PAF 603		Adv Econ Public Admin & Policy	3.00		ASU			
2021 Spring		PAF 610		Adv Qualitative Methods	3.00		ASU			
2021 Fall		PAF 609		Adv Quant. Methods Sem.	3.00		ASU			
2018 Fall	C	PAF 574	72147	Diversity, Ethics, Public Change	3.00	B	ASU			✓

## Staff Advisor

No action is required on this page select “Next” to continue.

## Faculty Committee

- Select “Select Faculty Committee” button

**Faculty Committee** ⓘ

Your graduate faculty committee is a resource for advice and guidance on course selections, project topics, and program requirements. Your program requires that you have a committee of 3, although some program paths may require additional members. Your staff advisor, program handbook, and program website will provide you with support as you set up your faculty committee. You may also utilize the [Graduate Faculty](#) website which is a resource for PhD endorsed faculty.

The first time your iPOS is submitted, you may submit a complete graduate committee, or at minimum one chair, or two co-chairs. Please keep in mind that prior to starting your culminating event, your full faculty committee must be included on your iPOS.

**Select Faculty Committee**

No Faculty Committee have been selected

- Enter at least the first two characters of the last and first name
- Click on “Search”
- Choose the faculty member

**Note:** If the faculty member you are searching for did not appear, contact your Academic Program Staff Advisor.

**Select Faculty Committee**

Enter at least the first 2 characters of the last name and at least the first character of the first name of the committee member and click Search.

Last Name

First Name

**Search**

**Search Results**

Name	Title	Department
Anthony Gribble	Telecomm Technician	SDA Operations And Facilities
Anthony Grubescic	Center Dir (ACD) & Professor	School of Criminology & Crim J

- Select the “Committee Role”
- Select “Done”

**Select Faculty Committee**

Message Not Found

Name Anthony Grubescic

Committee Role

Title Center Dir (ACD) & Professor

Department School of Criminology & Crim J

**Done**

Approval Type	Approval Level	Endorsements
Graduate Faculty	Chair	Geography PHD
Graduate Faculty	Chair	Public Administration(Urbanism)
Graduate Faculty	Chair	Public Administration & Policy

- Repeat this process to add additional committee members



## Summary/Submit

- Select “Save”
- Select “Next”


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Select Faculty Committee				
Name	Committee Role	Title	Department	
	Anthony Grubestic	Chair	Center Dir (ACD) & Professor	School of Criminology & Crim J

Cancel Save

- Review content and scroll to the bottom of page
- Select box to agree to act with honesty and integrity
- Select “Submit”

☐ Each student at ASU must act with honesty and integrity. I certify that the information on the iPOS is accurate and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification is sufficient cause of disciplinary action.

Cancel Submit

**Congratulations! Your iPOS has been submitted successfully.**

# Appendix A

See below for directions adding courses to the iPOS by selecting from [Preloaded](#) Courses or

- Add from Transcript
- Add Future Course
- Add Transfer Course
- Blanket Hours (doctoral Only)

## Preloaded courses:

- Select the box next to courses to select
- Select "Done"

**Required Core (24 credit hours)**

The course(s) listed below are required for your program and must be added in this section. If you wish to utilize courses other than those that have been pre-loaded, you may use the buttons at the bottom of this page, otherwise select the appropriate pre-loaded courses and select "done" when finished.

Select	Term	Session	Course	Description	Hours	Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			PAF 603	Adv Econ Public Admin & Policy	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			PAF 610	Adv Qualitative Methods	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			PAF 609	Adv. Quant. Methods Sem.	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	PAF 602	Adv Rsrch Desgn for Public Pol	3	A-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	PAF 605	Org. Theory and Behav. Seminar	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	PAF 601	Advanced Public Policy Seminar	3	A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019 Spring	Session C	PAF 604	Intellect Foundns Public Admn	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019 Spring	Session C	PAF 620	PA Prof Development Workshop	3	

- Select the drop down to select the anticipated term of enrollment for each course
- Select "Done"

**Required Core (24 credit hours)**

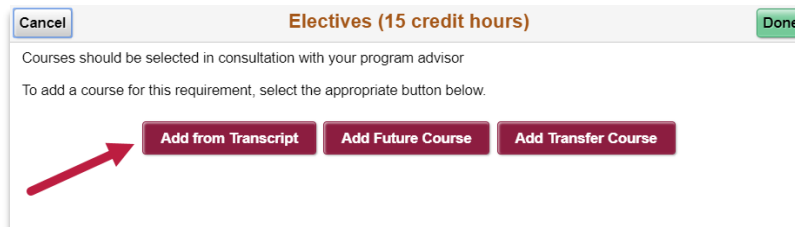
You will not be able to select a future course term that is greater than your Anticipated Graduation Term. Please update your Anticipated Graduation Term if needed.

Anticipated Graduation Term: 2023 Spring

Select	Term	Course	Description	Hours
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2020 Fall	PAF 603	Adv Econ Public Admin & Policy	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2021 Spring	PAF 610	Adv Qualitative Methods	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2021 Fall	PAF 609	Adv. Quant. Methods Sem.	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	PAF 602	Adv Rsrch Desgn for Public Pol	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	PAF 605	Org. Theory and Behav. Seminar	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	PAF 601	Advanced Public Policy Seminar	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019 Spring	PAF 604	Intellect Foundns Public Admn	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019 Spring	PAF 620	PA Prof Development Workshop	3

## Add from Transcript

- Select “Add from Transcript”



Cancel **Electives (15 credit hours)** Done

Courses should be selected in consultation with your program advisor

To add a course for this requirement, select the appropriate button below.

**Add from Transcript** **Add Future Course** **Add Transfer Course**

- Check the box next to courses to select
- Select “next”



Cancel **Add from Transcript** Next

The following courses are graduate level courses you are currently registered for or have previously taken at ASU. Please select the courses that are applicable to your iPOS. If you have questions on which courses apply, please consult with your advisor.

Select	Term	Session	Course	Description	Hours	Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	<a href="#">PAF 522</a>	Adv Govt Financial Mgmt	3	A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	<a href="#">PAF 574</a>	Diversity,Ethics,Public Change	3	B

- Select “Done”



Cancel **Electives (15 credit hours)** Done

The following courses are graduate level courses you are currently registered for or have previously taken at ASU. Please select the courses that are applicable to your iPOS. If you have questions on which courses apply, please consult with your advisor.

Select	Term	Session	Course	Description	Hours	Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	<a href="#">PAF 522</a>	Adv Govt Financial Mgmt	3	A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2018 Fall	Session C	<a href="#">PAF 574</a>	Diversity,Ethics,Public Change	3	B

Return to the top of [Appendix A](#)  
Return to [Save Courses](#)

## Add Future Courses

- Select “Add Future Course”



Cancel **Electives (15 credit hours)** Done

Courses should be selected in consultation with your program advisor

To add a course for this requirement, select the appropriate button below.

**Add from Transcript** **Add Future Course** **Add Transfer Course**

- Enter subject or select the magnifying glass to search
- Enter Course Number or leave blank to search by Range
- Select “Search”

**Add Future Course**

Select the appropriate Subject Area, enter the Course Number or select the Course Range and click Search to display the Search Results.

▼ **Course Search**

Subject: PAF

Public Affairs

Course Number:

or Range: 500-599

- Select the box next to the course(s) to select
- Select "Next"

**Add Future Course**

Select the appropriate Subject Area, enter the Course Number or select the Course Range and click Search to display the Search Results.

► **Course Search**

Select the courses you want to add to the iPOS and click Next.

Select	Course	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAF 501	Public Service Research I
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAF 502	Public Service Research II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAF 503	Public Affairs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAF 504	Microecon of Public Policy I
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAF 505	Public Policy Analysis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAF 506	Public Budgeting and Finance
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAF 507	Public Human Resource Mgmt

- Select the drop down to select the anticipated term of enrollment for each course
- Select "Done"

**Electives (15 credit hours)**

Select the Term and number of Hours for each course listed.

Certain omnibus and repeatable courses will require that you select or enter a Course Title. Please select one of the available choices. If none are listed, please enter the Course Title.

You will not be able to select a future course term that is greater than your Anticipated Graduation Term. Please update your Anticipated Graduation Term if needed.

Anticipated Graduation Term: 2023 Spring

Select	Term	Course	Description	Title	Hours
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2021 Fall	PAF 501	Public Service Research I		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2022 Summer	PAF 503	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2020 Summer	PAF 504	Microecon of Public Policy I		3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2019 Summer	PAF 506	Public Budgeting and Finance		3

## Add Transfer Course

- Select "Add Transfer Course"

**Electives (15 credit hours)**

Courses should be selected in consultation with your program advisor

To add a course for this requirement, select the appropriate button below.

- Fill in the fields (Note: If institution is not available contact Graduate Admissions at [gograd@asu.edu](mailto:gograd@asu.edu))
- Select “Add”

**Add Transfer Course**

Doctoral students, please note: If you would like to count 30 semester hours from a previously awarded master's degree, select the Previous Degree page. Do not individually list those courses on this page.

Please select the term and year of the transfer course first. If you are adding a transfer course that you completed in a previous semester, the complete official transcript must be filed with Admission Services before you can include the course on your iPOS. Please note that all transfer courses must be verified and approved by the Graduation Section of the Registrar and the Graduate College.

If you have questions about which transfer courses may be included on your iPOS, please consult your advisor and the Graduate Catalog. Only list transfer courses that you did not include in the Previous Degree section.

External Term:

Term Year:

Institution:

Course Prefix:

Course Number:

Course Title:

Hours:

Hour Type:

Official Grade:

Justification if the Grade is not A or B:

## Blanket Hours

Applicable to Doctoral Students Only

Blanket hours are credit hours applied to the iPOS from a Previously Earned Master's Degree. Each section on the iPOS is programmed to display “Blanket Hours” if you have chosen “Yes” to using a Previously Earned Master's degree. In consultation with your Academic Program Staff include the blanket hours in the appropriate section by selecting the maroon button at the top of the section the hours are to be added to.

- Select the box next to “Blanket Hours”

**Open Courses**

Additional courses may be added in consultation with your program advisor

Select	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blanket Hours

To add a course for this requirement, select the appropriate button below.

- Select the number of “Hours” to include
- Select “Done”

**Open Courses**

Select the Term and number of Hours for each course listed.

Certain omnibus and repeatable courses will require that you select or enter a Course Title. Please select one of the available choices. If none are listed, please enter the Course Title.

You will not be able to select a future course term that is greater than your Anticipated Graduation Term. Please update your Anticipated Graduation Term if needed.

Anticipated Graduation Term:

Select	Description	Hours
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blanket Hours	<input type="text" value="30"/>