

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

June 13, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Graduate Council



**RE: [Campus Review] Proposed Degree Program: Joint Public Policy BA/MPP 5-Year Combined Degree Program**

Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Joint Public Policy BA/MPP 5-Year Combined Degree Program at their June 6, 2019 meeting.

A side-by-side catalog entry needs to be included in the proposal so upon approval, the Office of Student Affairs, Marketing & Communications knows where this program should appear in the catalog. The catalog entry should provide language that indicates the course work for this new program will be the same as the regular programs so students are aware and course work for the program is made clear. Admissions requirements need to be added to the catalog copy as well. Please refer to the Electrical Engineering BS+MS catalog entry if you need a sample.

Graduate Council would like clarification on the faculty evaluation process for the Statement of Interest. What exactly is required in the Statement of Interest? Is there a committee that evaluates admissions to the program? What are the eligibility requirements?

The Council found the course load to be quite heavy and there were concerns about students' ability to finish the degree in 5 years with the course load as it currently stands. Please provide feedback that this course load is indeed reasonable for students to succeed in this program.

Admissions requirements for transfer students should be addressed in the proposal.