

Election Administration — Graduate Certificate

This graduate certificate is designed to provide students and practicing professionals with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to function effectively in election administration specifically law and policy and critical contemporary issues facing the election administration community.

The Graduate Certificate in Election Administration is a 15 graduate credit hour certificate according to the courses outline below, and a 12 graduate credit hour certificate if the student has completed the CERA Program (Certified Election and Registration Administrators). CERA was developed by the Election Center (a national nonprofit organization also known as the National Association of Election Officials) along with Auburn MPA faculty, and is the only national certification program for election officials and vendors in the election administration arena. CERA includes 12 courses in professional education and development taught by Auburn faculty and other requirements established by the Election Center including substantial professional engagement in the field through research, conference presentations, and participation in working groups and other similar activities.

Code	Title	Hours
Elections Administration		
Required Courses		6-9
POLI 6270	Seminar in Election Administration	3
POLI 6280	Election Administration Reform Policy (Election Regulation, Policy, and Reform)	3
POLI 7920	MPA Internship ¹	3-6
Electives (choose any two)		6
POLI 6150	Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism	
POLI 6470	Comparative Election Administration (Comparative Election Administration)	
POLI 7520	Program Evaluation	
POLI 6550	Issues in Public Administration ²	
Total Hours		21-27

¹ CERA/CERV/CEM Certification can be used in place of POLI 7920

² See advisor for approval of special topics (e.g., cyber and operational security; auditing and accountability)