



MPA

Master of Public Administration

• CIP 440401 • 36 credits

Program Description

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a 12-course, 36-credit program that is designed to provide students with a strong foundation of academic study achieved within an accelerated period of time.

The Master of Public Administration program provides comprehensive graduate education for individuals who are in entry or mid-level positions at various agencies (local, state, federal) or nonprofit organizations to develop core competencies in leadership, policy formulation, problem-solving, and service in the public and nonprofit sectors. The MPA program offers a comprehensive approach to developing leadership skills within the context of a changing political, legal, ethical, economic, and social climate.

Program Outcomes

- Lead and manage in the public interest.
- Participate in, and contribute to, the policy process.
- Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems, and make evidence-informed decisions in a complex and dynamic environment.
- Articulate, apply, and advance a public service perspective.
- Communicate and interact productively and in culturally responsive ways with a diverse and changing workforce and society at large.

Instructional Delivery

The MPA is a fully online program. With the exception of the Capstone course, delivered in a seminar format, all MPA courses are five weeks in length, and there are eight sessions each year. The Capstone course is six weeks in length. The MPA can be completed in approximately 18 months. The program is designed for students to take one course per five-week session, which is equivalent to three courses in a traditional 15-week semester.

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Core Curriculum 18 credits

- MPA 505W Foundations of Public Administration
- MPA 525W Foundations of Public Policy
- MPA 535W Public Administration and Technology
- MPA 545W Economics in Public Administration
- MPA 555W Public-Private Partnerships
- MPA 565W Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Public Forum

MPA Capstone..... 3 credits

- MPA 600W Capstone

Concentrations..... 15 credits

Students must select a concentration to complete the program.

Non-Profit

- MPA 520W Non-profit Law
- MPA 530W Non-profit Marketing
- MPA 540W Non-profit Financial Management
- MPA 550W Non-profit Management
- MPA 560W Non-profit Fundraising

Public Sector

- MPA 512W Public Budgeting and Financial Analysis
- MPA 522W Leadership in Public Organizations
- MPA 532W State and Local Politics
- MPA 542W Administrative Law
- MPA 552W Policy Analysis

(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)