

M.P.A. - Criminal Justice Concentration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program is for students with professional goals related to the management of public service organizations. Areas include government agencies, health organizations, justice administration/law enforcement and nonprofit organizations. The MPA program takes a multifaceted approach to management that includes leadership, personnel management, policy/program evaluation, diversity and ethical governance. This approach links theory, policy, and practice, giving students the opportunity to learn and utilize skills required for leadership positions in both the public and the third sectors.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Critically analyze and use knowledge of academic theory, legal issues and/or regulations to inform ethical practice and policy formation within public and third sector organizations/agencies.
- Manage and apply effective standards of public and third sector governance within organizational structures.
- Assess and effectively manage sector-specific functions, programs and resources.
- Advance professional communication, public outreach and responsiveness standards in a manner that promotes accountability, inclusion and other public service values.

Upon completion of the Criminal Justice concentration, graduates are expected to:

- Utilize team leadership skills that include collaboration, problem solving, ethical awareness and appreciation of diversity to address problems faced by CJ agencies.

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Core Courses

MGMT5800	Effective Leadership	3
NPM5030	Financial Management and Budgeting in Nonprofit Organizations	3
NPM5040	Program Evaluation	3
NPM6800	Strategic Planning and Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations	3
PAD5200	Public Administration and Governance	3
PAD6200	Public Personnel Administration	3
PAD6400	Public Policy Analysis	3
RSCH5700	Research and Inquiry	3

Concentration Courses

CJS5610	Advanced Administration of Criminal Justice	3
CJS5630	Advanced Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	3
Choose two of the following:		6
CJS5620	Contemporary Criminology and Crime Prevention	
CJS5680	Juvenile Justice Issues	
CJS5700	Special Needs Populations in the Criminal Justice System	
CJS5760	Technology and GIS in the Criminal Justice System	

Total Credits 36.0