

M.P.A.

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 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.

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Core Courses

MGMT5800	Effective Leadership	3
NPM5030	Financial Management and Budgeting in Nonprofit Organizations	3
NPM5040	Program Evaluation	3
NPM5050	Resource Development for Nonprofits	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

Elective Courses

Choose 9 credits from CJS, NPM, MGMT or PAD designated courses 5000-level or higher	9
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Total Credits	36.0
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