

Public Administration MPA

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program enhances critical thinking and emphasizes practical application through analysis and research in public administration.

The MPA program draws on economics, finance, management, political science, sociology, and criminal justice. The MPA student will focus on courses in specific areas of concentration, such as administrative, political, and policy analyses, economic development, public finance, and research methodology.

Depending on the specialty, students may find careers with significant financial support opportunities available in the public or private sectors. The Master of Public Administration students also often hold leadership roles in waste management, public utilities, law enforcement, emergency services, and other government offices and programs. While other graduates run for or hold positions in public offices at the local, state, and national levels of government.

Core (24 semester hours)

PA 500	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PA 595	Advanced Research Methodology	3
PA 505	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PA 517	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
PA 507	Ethical Leadership and Service in the Public Sector	3
PA 509	Human Resource Management in the Public Sector	3
PA 513	Public Policy Analysis	3
PA 521	Capstone Project	3

Complete 12 semester hours from one of the following Concentrations

General

PA 511	Organizational Theory	3
PA 515	Program Evaluation	3
PA 519	Grant Writing	3
PA 525	Rural and Metropolitan Problems in Public Administration	3

Non-Profit Management

PA 523	Non-Profit Management	3
PA 525	Rural and Metropolitan Problems in Public Administration	3
PA 519	Grant Writing	3
PA 515	Program Evaluation	3

Criminal Justice

CJ 520	CJ Admin and Mgmt	3
CJ 530	Seminar in Criminology	3
CJ 577	CJ Planning and Eval	3
CJ 583	Criminal Justice Policy	3

Management

MGT 555	Project Management	3
MGT 567	Managing Groups and Teams	3
MGT 585	Management & Organizational Behavior	3
MGT 592	Current Issues in Human Resource Management	3

Sociology

12 semester hours from the following:

SOC 574	Sociological Theory	3
SOC 504	Stu Contemporary Sociolog	3
SOC 514	Family Violence	3
SOC 515	Medical Sociology	3

SOC 553	Advanced Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
Total Hours		36