
LIST OF FACULTY

Dr. Rose M. Harris, Department Head

& Associate Professor of Political Science

B.A. - Southern University, M.A. - Howard University, Ph.D. - Rutgers University

Areas of Research & Teaching Women in Politics, Political Theory, Black Politics, Post-structuralism, Theories of Race & Gender in the Political System, African American Women in Politics, Women in Louisiana Politics

Dr. Nasir U. Ahmed, Professor of Public Administration

BSS & MSS - University of Dhaka, M.P.P.A. - Mississippi State University, Ph.D. - University of Mississippi

Areas of Research & Teaching Public Finance, Rule of Law & Civil Liberties, Administrative Ethics & Leadership, Emerging Economy, International Politics

Dr. Lemmy Akoma, Professor of Public Administration

B.S. - Texas Southern University, M.P.A. - Texas Southern University, Ph.D. - Texas Tech University

Areas of Research & Teaching Health Care Management, Human Resource Management & Labor Relations, Comparative Development Administration and Organization & Financing

Dr. Sarah D. Dennis, Assistant Professor of Public Administration *B.A. - Southeastern LA University, M.P.A. - Grambling State University, Ph.D. - Jackson State University*

Areas of Research & Teaching Ethics, Public Policy, Local Governance, Urban Planning

Dr. Charles Mitchell, Professor of Public Administration

B.A., M.A. - University of Oregon, M.A.P.A. - University of Iowa, Ph.D. - University of Tennessee

Areas of Research & Teaching Research Methods, Statistics, Information Technology, Comparative Politics, Politics of Bureaucracy

Dr. Fabian Nabangi, Associate Professor of Public Administration

B.S. - Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania - M.B.A. - Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

MPacc & MS. - Clemson University - Ph.D. - University of Alabama

Areas of Research & Teaching Public Budgeting, Taxation, Finance and Accounting

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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT & OBJECTIVES

The Master of Public Administration Program is designed to prepare individuals from diverse and multicultural backgrounds for administrative careers in federal, state, and local government services and other public and non-profit organizations. The MPA Program prepares its student's to be critical thinkers who are capable of applying the knowledge of public administration specifically in the areas of policymaking, policy evaluation and execution with a focus on ethical conduct in public management.

DEGREE OFFERINGS

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program at Grambling State University is the only accredited MPA program in north Louisiana and one of only two in the state. Grambling State University's MPA Program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The Program offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in one of four areas:

- Public Management
- Human Resource Management
- State and Local Government
- Health Services Administration

SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

The Master of Public Administration Association (MPAA) is the main co-curricular organization for MPA graduate students. In addition, the Health Services Administration Club is open to students in Health Services.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

MPA students are encouraged to present papers at professional conferences, engage in independent research, and work with faculty on research projects. MPA students are also required to complete an Administrative Internship in their Area of Concentration as a part of the program's requirements. Paid Graduate Assistantships are available.

ADMISSION PROCESS

A student seeking admission into the MPA Program must apply for admission into the School of Graduate Studies. A second MPA Admission Application from the MPA Program must be completed. MPA applicants should submit materials to the School of Graduate Studies & Research based upon criteria of the MPA Program from the outset. All materials should be submitted simultaneously to the School of Graduate Studies & Research, except for the "Master of Public Administration (MPA) Application Form" and the "Statement of Purpose for Graduate School" which should be mailed directly to the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Applicants to the MPA program must meet the following criteria: (1) 3.0 cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work; (2) GRE scores; (3) Three Recommendation Forms and Three Letters of Recommendation; (4) Exhibit Intellectual Maturity Initiative. Application due dates: Fall Admission, July 1st; Spring Admission, December 1st. The MPA Program does not accept applications for the Summer.

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CURRICULUM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

CORE COURSES AND AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

A minimum of 45 credit hours is required for the MPA degree including 30 hours in core courses, a minimum of twelve hours in at least one Area of Concentration, and 3 elective hours. Students admitted on a conditional basis will be required to take three-to-six additional credit hours. In addition to course work, a student must pass a written Comprehensive Examination in the Core Area and in the chosen Area of Concentration. Eligibility requirements for the exam are set forth in the "Policies and Procedures for the Administration and Evaluation of the Comprehensive Examination."

PA 523-Graduate Writing Workshop.....	3
PA 500- Principles of Public Administration.....	3
PA 519- Information Technology for Public Management.....	3
PA 556- Quantitative & Qualitative Methods in Public Administration.....	3
PA 502- Organizational Theory & Behavior	3
PA 512- Policy Formation, Implementation & Evaluation.....	3
PA 504- Public Personnel Administration.....	3
PA 506- Public Budgeting Financial.....	3
PA 560- Ethics & Leadership in Public Administration.....	3
PA 553 Administrative Internship I.....	3
Total Core Courses	30
Concentration Area.....	12

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

- PA 513 Administrative Law
- PA 514 City Management
- PA 515 Intergovernmental Administration
- PA 516 Taxation and Revenue Policy
- PA 517 Administrative Behavior
- PA 518 Women & Minorities in State & Local Govt.
- PA 520 Public Policy & Program Evaluation*
- PA 521 Topical Seminar in Public Policy

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- PA 510 Admin. State and Local Govt.
- PA 513 Administrative Law
- PA 514 City Management
- PA 515 Intergovernmental Administration
- PA 516 Taxation and Revenue Policy
- PA 517 Administrative Behavior
- PA 518 Women & Minorities in State & Local Govt.
- PA 520 Public Policy and Program Evaluation*
- PA 531 Fiscal Mgmt. for State/Local Government

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- PA 522 Performance Appraisal
- PA 524 Labor Mgmt. and Collective Bargaining
- PA 525 Human Resources Policy Formation & Administration*
- PA 527 Human Resources Management

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- PA 540 Intro. to Health Service Problems*
- PA 541 Contemporary Health Services Issues
- PA 542 Public Health Management
- PA 543 Hospital Organization and Mgt.
- PA 544 Issues in Health Care
- PA 546 Special Topics in Public Health
- PA 547 Law and Public Health

ELECTIVE COURSES**

- PA 505 Proseminar in American Government & Public Policy†
- PA 507 Independent Study***
- PA 523 Graduate Writing Workshop†
- PA 550 Group Dynamics in Organizations
- PA 552 International Organization Admin.
- PA 565 Special Topics in Public Admin.***

*Required Course

** Not an exhaustive list. See Department for a complete list.

***Cannot be used as a substitute for a core course.

† Required for students whose undergraduate degree is not in Political Science or Public Administration. Required by students admitted on a "conditional basis."