

## Master of Public Administration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program complies with the standards set by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The program was awarded accreditation in 1997 by the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) and is listed on its Annual Roster of Accredited Programs. The program provides graduate degree opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds. Evening classes are offered to facilitate the enrollment of in-service professionals.

### Program Mission and Objectives

The mission of the MPA program is to prepare individual for administrative careers in federal state, and local government service, as well as other organizations in the public sector and non-profit arenas and to provide graduate degree opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds.

The major objectives of the program are to:

- To provide students with intellectual insights, critical perspectives, professional competence, and analytical tools crucial to their understanding of the field of public administration;
- To provide training and education in public policy making and administration; human resource management; administration and organizational theory; budgeting and finance; and research methods;
- To offer in-service practitioners the opportunity to strengthen their analytical and problem-solving skills in order to support their career advancement.

### Curriculum

The MPA degree requires the completion of 45 graduate-level credit hours which include core courses and courses in one of the specialization areas:

- Public Management.
- Health Service Administration.
- Human Resource Management.
- State and Local Government.

#### Core Courses

HUM 507	Proseminar	3	credit hours
PA 500	Principles of Public Admin	3	
PA 501	Research Methods/Data	3	
PA 502	Organization Theory/Behav	3	
PA 503	Statistics I Public Sector	3	
PA 504	Public Personnel Admin	3	
PA 506	Public Budget/Financial Mgt	3	
PA 553/554	Administrative Internship	6	
Core Total		27	

Concentration		12
Electives		6
Program Total		45
Public Management Concentration		
PA 508	Ethics and Acctng in Pub Admin	3
PA 511	Leader. Concepts in Pub Mgt	3
PA 512	Policy Form/Implmnt/Eval	3
PA 513	Administrative Law	3
Local Government Administration Concentration		
PA 510	Admin in State/Local Gov	3
PA 513	Administrative Law	3
PA 514	City Management	3
PA 531	Fiscal Mgt for State/Local Gov	3
Human Resource Management Concentration		
PA 508	Ethics and Acctng in Pub Admin	3
PA 511	Leader. Concepts in Pub Mgt	3
PA 524	Labor Mgt and Collective Bargaining	3
PA 527	Human Resource Mgt	3
Health Services Administration Concentration		
PA 540	Intro to Health Serv Problems	3
PA 542	Public Health Mgt	3
PA 543	Hospital Org and Mgt	3
PA 547	Law and Public Health	3

## Graduation Requirements

A student must meet all requirements for graduation as established by the School of Graduate Studies **and** meet the following MPA program requirements.

1. Complete 45 hours of graduate credit with a minimum GPA of 3.00 ("B") which must include 27 hours of required MPA program courses.
2. Pass a written comprehensive examination following the completion of 30 hours of graduate credit hours including the 18 hours of core courses and at least 9 hours of concentration courses. Eligibility requirements to take the comprehensive examination are set forth in the Comprehensive Examination Guidelines. Students may exercise the Master's Thesis option in lieu of taking the comprehensive examination.