

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## Master of Public Administration (MPA)

This is a guide based on the 2022-2023 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

The Master of Public Administration degree requires the completion of 36 hours of coursework, consisting of 21 hours of core courses, 12 hours of elective courses, and a 3-credit-hour capstone, internship or thesis. A full-time student can often complete the program in two years, subject to appropriate planning for the internship.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### 36 hours required

##### Core Requirements:

- PS502 Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)
- PS505 Organizational Theory and Behavior (3)
- PS518 Public Policy Analysis (3)
- PS545 Research Methods for Public Administrators (3)
- PS603 Public Personnel Administration (3)
- PS615 Government Budgeting Process (3)
- PS655 Federalism, State and Local Government (3)
- PS697 Public Administration Internship (3)

##### OR

- Thesis (3)

##### Choose 12 hours from:

- AC548 Government/Not-For-Profit Accounting (3)
- EC525 Public Policy Economics (3)
- PS625 Administrative Law (3)
- PS689 Independent Study in Public Administration (3)
- PS691-696 Topics in Public Administration (3)
- PY571 Behavioral Statistics (3)
- PY650 Organizations as Open Systems (3)
- SC560 Organizational Communication (3)

##### Choose one with advice of program coordinator:

- GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Examination (0)
- GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

### Other Degree Information

- The capstone internship (PS 697) involves 120 hours of work with the host organization, and the writing and defense of a scholarly internship paper on the experience.
- Undergraduate students who apply for and meet the eligibility requirements of the Accelerated MPA Program can take as many as four of the 500-level core courses and have them count toward both their undergraduate and MPA degrees.
- The University requires that at least 18 credit hours of the 36-hour program must be at the 600 level.
- Students are also expected to comply with Graduate School general requirements, including continuous enrollment provisions, etc.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies are the following departmental criteria. Application materials must demonstrate the student's commitment to a career in governmental or nonprofit organizations.

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale
2. Resume
3. Two letters of recommendation addressing the student's potential for a career in public or nonprofit service
4. A letter of intent addressing professional goals and objectives. The letter should address what the applicant expects to achieve through graduate level study. The letter should be typed and a maximum of 750 words in length.

GRE, LSAT, or GMAT scores are not required but may be submitted to strengthen application.

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