

# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## Curriculum

The M.P.A. degree requires a minimum of 33 credit hours (11 courses) of graduate work, including eight core courses.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		(24)
PA 501	Introduction to Public Admin	3
PA 502	Organizational Behavior	3
PA 522	Human Resource Management	3
PA 532	Public Financial Management	3
PA 568	Strat Comp in the Public Sect	3
PA 580	Policy Evaluation Analytics	3
PA 581	Policy Design Analytics	3
PA 599	Practicum	3
<b>Elective Courses</b>		(9)
Select nine credit hours. Students may select courses to fulfill a desired specialization. See Specializations tab on this page for more details.		9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

Elective courses may be selected from courses in public administration or other fields such as architecture, business, city and regional planning, civil engineering, computer science, design, environmental engineering, humanities, psychology, social sciences, or law. Taking a course outside the M.P.A. program requires the permission of the student's adviser and the M.P.A. program director. No more than six credit hours may be taken in university courses numbered between 400 and 499. A maximum of nine credit hours of graduate-level coursework may be transferred from another accredited university if these have not been used toward a degree and upon approval of the student's adviser and the M.P.A. program director.

## M.P.A. with Nonprofit and Mission-Driven Management Specialization

This specialization is designed for professionals who want to become leaders and managers of nonprofit and other mission driven enterprises. It provides students with the skills needed to enter the nonprofit field, advance their current nonprofit career, or become a nonprofit or mission-driven enterprise entrepreneur. Students take the regular M.P.A. core curriculum and three electives from the nonprofit courses offered in the program. This program combines rigorous instruction with a practical orientation toward mission-driven organizational management.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		(9)
Select a minimum of nine credit hours from the following:		9
PA 505	The Law & the Nonprofit Sector	3
PA 533	Adv Financial Management	3
PA 535	Resource Dev in the Nonprofit	3
PA 540	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
PA 541	Perf Meas Nonprofit/Pub Mgmt	3
PA 543	Public Pol/Nonprofits/Phlnthrp	3
PA 565	The Nonprofit Sector	3
PA 566	Nonprofits and the Public Sctr	3
PA 570	Social Capital & the Community	3
PA 579	Ethics & Prof Responsibility	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

## M.P.A. with Security, Safety, and Risk Management Specialization

The Security, Safety, and Risk Management specialization is intended for professionals who want to acquire cutting edge security strategies and leadership techniques to successfully manage public safety and public or private sector emergency preparedness programs. Students take the regular M.P.A. core curriculum and three electives from the security, safety, and risk management courses offered in the program. This program combines rigorous instruction with a practical orientation.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		(9)
Select a minimum of nine credit hours from the following:		9
PA 503	Administration Law	3
PA 536	Strategy & Structure: Homeland	3
PA 537	Crisis Mgmt/Homeland Security	3
PA 538	Info Syst Security/Cyber Crime	3
PA 539	Local Government Mgmt	3
PA 540	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
PA 541	Perf Meas Nonprofit/Pub Mgmt	3
PA 553	Public Safety Administration	3
PA 556	Public Mgmt Strat 21 st Century	3
PA 579	Ethics & Prof Responsibility	3
PA 588	Incident Rspnse Disaster Rcvry	3
Total Credit Hours		9

## M.P.A. with Economic Development and Social Entrepreneurship Specialization

The specialization in Economic Development and Social Entrepreneurship is designed for professionals who want to become economic development leaders of social entrepreneurs. They will become managers and entrepreneurs who drive socially responsible economic change in a rapidly changing global environment. These professionals may work in the public sector specializing in developing cutting edge economic development strategies and programs at the local, state, or federal level or they may want to be mission-driven entrepreneurs who organize, manage, or create ventures that utilize social capital to foster local or regional economic development. Students take the regular M.P.A. core curriculum and three electives from the economic development and social entrepreneurship courses offered in the program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		(9)
Select a minimum of nine credit hours from the following:		9
PA 533	Adv Financial Management	3
PA 539	Local Government Mgmt	3
PA 550	Social Entrepreneurship	3
PA 551	Public Infrastructure Mgmt	3
PA 555	Intro to Urban & Regional Plan	3
PA 556	Public Mgmt Strat 21 st Century	3
PA 557	Urban and Regional Dev	3
PA 560	Political Economy	3
PA 570	Social Capital & the Community	3
PA 578	Plan,Policy Making&Bult Envir	3
PA 579	Ethics & Prof Responsibility	3
Total Credit Hours		9