Who We Are

Master of Public Administration

The MPA program is designed to prepare students - ranging from prospective candidates for entry-level positions to seasoned public service experts - for professional positions in public service. Our students acquire general and specialized skills for effective public management including those relating to budgeting, human resource management, policy analysis and implementation, and more.

We encourage all aspiring leaders with an interest in public service to visit our MPA program today and make an investment in your future!

WHY EARN AN MPA DEGREE?

- Job placements in public, nonprofit, and private sectors
- Mentorship and internship programs
- Research opportunities
- Experiential opportunities to meet and collaborate with top professionals
- Preparation for increased job responsibilities
- Exposure to career-path changes

MEET THE FACULTY

- Sanders, Ron, Clinical Professor, SPA Director
  Specialty: Human Capital; Cybersecurity Workforce
- Aikins, Stephen, Associate Professor, MPA Director
  Specialty: Public Budgeting; Financial Administration
- Daly, John, Associate Professor
  Specialty: HR Management; Executive Leadership
- Lee, Shinwoo, Assistant Professor
  Specialty: Organizational Theory; Inquiry Methodology
- Neely, Stephen, Assistant Professor
  Specialty: Research Methods; Data Analysis
- Remington, Christa, Assistant Professor
  Specialty: Nonprofit Administration; Emergency Management

MEET THE STAFF

- Lage, Iris, Fiscal & Business Analyst
- Valdez, Annie, Academic Program Specialist

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MPA ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree with a min. GPA of 3.0/4.0
- GRE scores (153-V, 146-Q, 4.0-AW)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of intent/career goals
- Resume/CV

Core Courses

MPA CORE COURSES

- PAD 5700 Research Methods
- PAD 6060 Public Administration Theory
- PAD 6105 Organizational Theory & Leadership
- PAD 6227 Public Budgeting
- PAD 6275 Political Economy for Public Managers
- PAD 6307 Policy Design & Implementation
- PAD 6417 Human Resources Management
- PAD 6703 Quantitative Analysis
- PAD 6710 Public Information Management
- PAD 6056 Capstone: Practice of Public Management

NONPROFIT MGMT. CORE COURSES

- PAD 6146 Nonprofit Management & Leadership
- PAD 6208 Financial Oversight
- PAD 6231 Resource Development
- PAD 6335 Strategic Planning

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The required curriculum consists of 45-48 credit hours. All students must complete 10 core courses (30 credit hours) and 5 elective courses (15 credit hours). Elective courses are selected in consultation with the program Director. Students without senior-level administrative experience in the public or nonprofit sectors must complete an internship (3 credit hours).

PUBLIC MGMT. CORE COURSES

- PAD 6060 Public Administration Theory
- Choose two additional courses from MPA core courses listed above

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Nonprofit Management (18 credit hours)
All students must complete 12 core credit hours and 6 elective credit hours.

Public Management (18 credit hours)
All students must complete PAD 6060, 6 additional core credit hours, and 9 elective credit hours.

Employment Prospects

2016-2017 SURVEY OF RECENT USF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION GRADS

WHAT SECTORS ARE THEY WORKING IN?

- Local Government: 13%
- State Government: 17%
- Federal Government: 13%
- Nonprofit: 35%
- Other: 22%

WHAT ARE THEY MAKING?

Average Salary Range
$40,000 - $59,999

Highest Salary
$100,000 +

WHERE ARE THEY WORKING?

56% are in the Tampa Bay Area
39% are elsewhere in the US