

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, MPA

About the Program

This program prepares individuals for positions of leadership and management in public and nonprofit organizations. The program provides students with an advanced course of graduate study concentrating on the conceptual, technical, and professional education and skills required for administrative and leadership positions in governmental offices and nonprofit organizations. The program blends three essential components of training to prepare graduates for a career in the public or nonprofit sector:

1. In-depth knowledge of the public and non-profit sectors.
2. Professional or craft knowledge in the administration of governmental and non-profit organizations.
3. Exposure of students to the world of practice by means of a project or practicum.

Totalling 36 credit hours, the M.P.A. program includes six required core courses (21 credit hours), two tracks sharing the common core (12 credit hours each), one in Public Administration and one in Nonprofit Administration, and 3 credit hours of a project.

About Public Administration

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Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale), or a master's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale). Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree but do not meet either of the above criteria may be considered for admission if they attain a minimum quantitative and verbal score of 152 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or complete 6 credit hours of 500-level coursework at the college as an accepted pre-major student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
2. Two letters of reference, with at least one attesting to academic abilities.
3. A letter of intent describing the applicant's educational objectives, background in statistics and/or methodology, interest in the MPA program, career goals and the choice of track (public administration or nonprofit) in which to concentrate.
4. In addition, all applicants should review the [Admission to a Graduate Program](#) section in the Graduate Catalog.

Program Requirements

Required Courses (21 cr)

PAD 500 Public Administration and Policy

PAD 601 Public Budgeting

PAD 607 Metropolitan Governance

PAD 640 Human Resource Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations
PAD 689 Research Methods in Public Administration
PAD 699 Data Analysis and Presentation (must be taken at Buffalo State)
PAD 735 Administrative Practices in Public and Nonprofit Sectors

Select one of two tracks

Public Administration (12 cr, 4 courses)

BUS/COM 519 Communication for Leaders and Managers
PAD 501 Comparative Public Administration
PAD 502 Administrative Law
PAD 540 U.S. Public Policy
PAD 560 The Aging Network
PAD 587 Special Topics*
PAD 588 Public Administration Graduate Internship
PAD 590 Independent Study
PAD 602 Comparative Public Policy
PAD 701 Administrative Ethics
PAD 712 Managing Program Evaluation

Nonprofit (12 cr, 4 courses)

BUS/COM 519 Communication for Leaders and Managers
BUS/SPF 688 Leadership in Organizations
PAD 540 U.S. Public Policy
PAD 560 The Aging Network
PAD 587 Special Topics*
PAD 588 Public Administration Graduate Internship
PAD 590 Independent Study
PAD 602 Comparative Public Policy
PAD 603 NGOs and International Development
PAD 643 Supervision in the Human Services
PAD 645 Program Planning in Nonprofit Organizations
PAD 701 Administrative Ethics
PAD 712 Managing Program Evaluation

Master's Project (3 cr)

PAD 690 Master's Project (by advisement).

Total Required Credit Hours 36 cr