

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) at DePaul University is designed for government professionals or individuals wanting to transition into government careers. The degree equips students with broad public administration knowledge in government—local, federal and international.

The MPA program offers three specializations: public management, international public management and metropolitan planning, and urban affairs.

This degree is accredited by NASPAA.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

**Evening and Online Courses.** Classes are offered in the evening and online (public management and international public management concentrations only).

**Well-Respected Degree.** With DePaul's impressive academic rankings and distinguished faculty, you'll graduate with a degree that's well-respected and speaks loudly to future employers. And, when you graduate, you'll become part of our alumni family—171,000 and growing—giving you the network you need to advance your career.

**Career Outlook.** Ninety-four percent of our 2014 SPS graduates were employed, pursuing advanced degrees or seeking neither after degree completion. Our graduates have gone on to work in nonprofit, for-profit, educational and governmental sectors.

Examples of recent employers of SPS graduates include:

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Chicago Community Trust
- City of Chicago
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rush University Medical Center
- The University of Chicago
- Village of Glen Ellyn
- World Relief
- YMCA

Our graduates have held varied positions within these organizations including, executive directors, policy research analysts, police lieutenants, grants officers and human resources managers.

### SPECIALIZATIONS

#### Public Management

This specialization focuses on the roles, requirements, challenges and processes of running a public organization. It is for aspiring city managers, chief administrative officers, department directors and senior project managers. Students gain knowledge and skills to work with staff, governing boards, consultants and the public to implement broad policy decisions. Legal issues also are included. This specialization also is offered online.

#### International Public Management

Students intending to work in international organizations require a special understanding of how public and nonprofit institutional structures and managerial processes vary around the world. Focusing on the interdependence of government and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), the international public management specialization also addresses management, ethics and policy issues. This specialization also is offered online.

#### Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs

Intended for students aspiring to work in land use, transportation, economic development, zoning, housing and other areas of community development, the metropolitan planning and urban affairs specialization emphasizes technical skills of public administration and tools of analysis. Students study best practices to illustrate the effectiveness of alternative designs and models. This specialization also is offered online.

#### Emergency Management

Emergency management is a critical concern for the public, private and non-profit sectors. Both the conceptual and practical implementation sides of homeland security and emergency preparedness rest at the intersection of national defense, law enforcement and emergency preparedness. This specialization will provide students with both theoretical and practical knowledge that will prepare them for private or public sector employment in the area of emergency preparedness for both security and non-security related incidents.

### STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate students in the School of Public Service (SPS) are encouraged to study abroad. SPS offers more opportunities for international study than other comparable programs. These unique one- to two-week study abroad trips allow both full-time and part-time students to participate.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students complete a total of 13 courses (52 quarter hours). Ten courses (40 quarter hours) of core course work and three courses (12 quarter hours) in a specialization are required.

### Internship requirement

Students are required to complete substantial professional experience in a government setting. Students with such experience, or have professional or economic constraints, may request a waiver by submitting a letter describing their circumstances. Otherwise, students will be required to complete an internship.

### Core Courses

#### (10 courses, 40 quarter hours)

MPS 500	Introduction to Public Service Management
MPS 501	Cross Sector Analysis
MPS 514	Government Financial Administration
MPS 522	Fundamentals of Human Resource Management
MPS 541	Economic Foundations
MPS 542	Policy Design and Analysis
MPS 586	Research Methods I: Introduction to Applied Research and Statistics.
MPS 587	Research Methods II: Advanced Applied Research and Statistics
MPS 593	Integrative Seminar
MPS 594	Ethical Leadership in Public Service

### Thesis Option

MPS 598 Thesis Research  
*Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above may choose the thesis option and replace MPS 593 with MPS 598.*

### Specialization Courses (3 courses, 12 quarter hours)

#### Public Management

MPS 526	Local Government Administration
MPS 560	Administrative Law

Choose one course from the following:

MPS 516	Management of Information Technology
MPS 520	Values Centered Leadership
MPS 529	Strategic Management and Planning
MPS 543	Policy Implementation
MPS 546	Advocacy and Lobbying
MPS 573	Urban and Community Development

MPS 575	Seminar in Administration: EU and NATO (Brussels)
MPS 597	Fellows Seminar

#### International Public Management

MPS 612	International Political Economy
MPS 616	International Relations and Conflict Management

Choose one course from the following:

MPS 511	Sustainable International Development
MPS 516	Management of Information Technology
MPS 573	Urban and Community Development
MPS 575	Seminar in Administration: EU and NATO (Brussels)
MPS 597	Fellows Seminar
MPS 611	Management of International NGOs
MPS 615	Management of Intercultural Diversity

#### Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs

MPS 571	Metropolitan Planning
MPS 573	Urban and Community Development

Choose one course from the following:

MPS 516	Management of Information Technology
MPS 526	Local Government Administration
MPS 560	Administrative Law
MPS 572	Urban Poverty Seminar
MPS 575	Seminar in Administration: EU and NATO (Brussels)
MPS 597	Fellows Seminar
MPS 604	Special Topics

#### Emergency Management

MPS 554	Principles of Emergency Management and Planning
MPS 564	Public Safety Administration and Planning

Choose one course from the following:

MPS 532	Grants and Contracts in Public Management
MPS 552	GIS for Community Development
PRAD 540	Crisis Communication Management

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the public administration program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, students must demonstrate, through past academic or professional work, a capacity for achievement.

#### To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- A personal statement (two pages) describing your educational and career goals, relevant work or volunteer experience, and any special circumstances affecting past or prospective academic performance
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae

*Students educated outside the United States must present proof of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 590 (paper-based), 243 (computer-based), 96 (Internet-based) or a minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.*

#### HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at [go.depaul.edu/apply](http://go.depaul.edu/apply). Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to [graddepaul@depaul.edu](mailto:graddepaul@depaul.edu). Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to [graddepaul@depaul.edu](mailto:graddepaul@depaul.edu) directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

#### The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
DePaul University  
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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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