

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)

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| 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

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| MPS 526 | Local Government Administration |
| MPS 560 | Administrative Law |

Choose one course from the following:

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| 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 |

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

International Public Management

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

Choose one course from the following:

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| 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

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| MPS 571 | Metropolitan Planning |
| MPS 573 | Urban and Community Development |

Choose one course from the following:

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| 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

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

Choose one course from the following:

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| 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. Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to 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
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: go.depaul.edu/sps
Email: graddepaul@depaul.edu
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Please note the information provided is current as of October 2015 and is subject to change.

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