Online Master of Public Administration With a Concentration in Public Policy and Management

Program Highlights

36 credit hours

In-state tuition: $480.90/credit hour*

Out-of-state tuition: $590.53/credit hour*

Tuition is based on 2023-2024 rates and is subject to change.

- Established program accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- Available in an easily accessible 100% online format suitable for working professionals, military personnel and career changers/enhancers
- Equips current and future leaders with analytical and management skills for service-minded professionals working in governmental and nonprofit organizations
- Educates students to communicate and interact ethically and productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry, with a binational focus

Be a Change Agent for the Public Good

UTEP's Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a Concentration in Public Policy and Management provides practical and successful tools for people who want to promote the public good and is particularly well-suited to those with professional experience in the public or nonprofit sectors, and/or a strong desire to lead programs that serve the public. The MPA also has close connections with the community of El Paso, and local students will benefit from these relationships. It also has a unique partnership with the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) to provide military-affiliated students with an opportunity to obtain their MPA.

As a student of this program, you will learn how to

- Manage a diverse workforce
- Measure results/evaluate programs
- Fundraise (nonprofits) and handle alternate public sector funding (public private partnerships & alternative delivery vehicles)
- Engage and represent the needs of diverse communities
- Develop skills related to data analysis, program evaluation, budgeting, public service, leadership and data-driven decision-making

You will also have the opportunity to elect to do an internship for credit.

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Admissions Requirements

To qualify for admission into the MPA you must:

- Submit
  - a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
  - official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the United States or equivalent training from a foreign institution with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Provide
  - a written statement describing your personal and professional goals as related to the focus of the MPA, your previous work or volunteer experience, and your commitment to public service
  - three letters of recommendation

International students whose first language is not English must also submit:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 600 or higher.

Curriculum

The 36-credit hour program is NASPAA-accredited.

Program Coursework

Core Courses (total of 21 hours)

PAD 5302	The Public Administration Profession
PAD 5310	Public Policy Process and Institutions
PAD 5311	Economic Analysis for Public Administrators
PAD 5351	Applied Statistics for Public Administration
PAD 5365	Policy Analysis and Decision Making
PAD 5367	Comprehensive Integration of Public Administration
PAD 5350	Public and Nonprofit Management **OR**
PAD 5352	Public Budgeting and Financial Management **OR**
PAD 5353	Human Resources Management

Concentration Courses (select any 5 for a total of 15 hours)

PAD 5350*	Public and Nonprofit Management
PAD 5352*	Public Budgeting and Financial Management
PAD 5353*	Human Resources Management
PAD 5356	Social Entrepreneurship and Not-for-Profit Management
PAD 5363	Intergovernmental Relations
PAD 5380	Selected Problems in Public Administration
PAD 5344	Emergency Management
PAD 5348	Innovation and Problem Solving
PAD 5359	Regional and Urban Planning
PAD 5360	Urban Administration

* If not already counted

Total Credits: 36

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

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