

# Master of Public Administration

## Program Mission

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program (<https://www.apu.edu/clas/programs/mpa-degree/>) equips graduate students to become competent, confident, and ethical leaders to implement public policy effectively, efficiently, and responsively. The program's rigorous focus is on research, writing, and managerial decision making using data and cultural awareness to achieve the public good. Our goal is to develop Christ-centered difference makers in the public sector environment promoting justice through scholarship and leading transformative practice.

Our vision is to:

- Prepare pre-service and midcareer professionals to manage and make evidence-based decisions.
- Develop skills in critical thinking, analysis, data use, and research evaluation for meaningful real-world applications.
- Equip future leaders to think creatively and innovatively to solve problems and transform public, nonprofit, and private organizations.
- Prepare culturally confident public sector leaders who nurture collaborative relationships with diverse groups and lead in work, home, and community contexts.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
PADM 501	Origin of Public Administration	3
PADM 502	Organizations and Behavior	3
PADM 503	The Policy Process	3
PADM 504	Economic and Urban Development	3
PADM 505	Public Sector Research Methods	3
PADM 506	Ethical Leadership and Management	3
PADM 600A	Public Administration Capstone A	3
PADM 600B	Public Administration Capstone B	3
<b>Concentration</b>		<b>12</b>
Choose one of the following:		
<b>Health Policy and Public Administration</b>		
PADM 510	California's Public Healthcare System [Proposed]	
PADM 511	Federal Health Insurance Policy (Implementation and Administration) [Proposed]	
PADM 512	Healthcare Administration	
PADM 513	Community Health and the Built Environment (State/Local) [Proposed]	
<b>Communication and the Public Sector</b>		
PADM 514	Communicating Public Policy [Proposed]	
PADM 515	Social Media/Digital Media and the Public Sector [Proposed]	
PADM 516	The Press and Politics [Proposed]	
PADM 517	Field Report (Independent Study) [Proposed]	
<b>Public Sector Business Administration</b>		
PADM 518	Public-Private Partnerships (Economic Development) [Proposed]	
PADM 519	Small Business Administration and State/Local Government [Proposed]	
PADM 520	Education and Workforce Development Policy Administration [Proposed]	
PADM 521	Federal Health Insurance Policy (Implementation and Administration) [Proposed]	
<b>Emerging Technology and the Public Sector</b>		
PADM 522	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the Public Sector	
PADM 523	Big Data and Elections (Polling/Statistics) [Proposed]	
PADM 524	Smart Cities and Workforce Development [Proposed]	
PADM 525	Field Report: Spatial or Statistical Analysis of a Public Challenge (Moral Hazard) [Proposed]	

Total Units

36

## Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/nextcatalog-apu-edu-admissions-financial/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available** online (<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/74647a2d-e9a2-412f-9b55-9959c7aac4ec/apu-edu-graduateprofessionalcenter-admissions-requirements-program/>).

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/>) for application procedures.

## Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Evaluate leadership and management techniques reflecting theories and practice of public administration with emphasis on ethical administrative norms to improve public governance at the federal, state and local levels.
2. Evaluate strategies to effectively manage policy programs reflecting the global professional standards and ethics of Network Schools of Public Policy Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).
3. Formulate innovative and value-based decisions to manage the political-administrative policy process and solutions for effective public service and program outcomes.
4. Communicate using a Christ-centered worldview and technologies (e-commerce, e-governance, e-learning) helpful to manage intergovernmental relations with diverse groups.
5. Differentiate the function of budgeting and financial planning approaches used by public sector organizations for economic and community development.