

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

management and policy, and social policy while completing the MPA core requirements.

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Program Description

The Master of Public Administration M.P.A. degree emphasizes professional education for future public service leaders. The degree responds to the needs of tomorrow's managers and policy analysts by offering a variety of fields in which a student can gain substantive focus while obtaining training in public administration and policy.

Students have access to Syracuse University's graduate courses as well as those at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Working with faculty and advisors, students have ample opportunity to create an individualized appropriate programs of study.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Lead and manage in the public interest.
2. Participate in, and contribute to, the policy process.
3. Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make evidence-informed decisions in a complex and dynamic environment.
4. Articulate, apply, and advance a public service perspective.
5. Communicate and interact productively and in culturally responsive ways with a diverse and changing workforce and society at large.

MPA Degree Overview

The MPA degree requires a residency of 12 to 18 months. All students begin the program in early July. Full-time students usually complete the program the following June, but students should inquire about an extended 18-month option that incorporates a summer internship.

The MPA degree requires 40 credits of coursework. 25 of these credits satisfy core requirements, ensuring proficiency in economics, quantitative analysis, organization and management theory, public budgeting and finance, and the political context of public management.

Additional elective coursework satisfies the remaining 15 credits. These elective courses are selected from the public administration and international affairs department, other Maxwell School social science departments, or elsewhere in the University.

Flexible degree requirements allow a student to design a program in state and local government, data analytics for public policy, financial management and analysis, public and nonprofit management, international development administration, environmental policy and administration, international and national security policy, health