



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

MPA



School of Public Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER



BY DEFINITION, DEMOCRACY WON'T RUN ITSELF.

TURN YOUR VISION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW INTO A REWARDING CAREER.

A Master of Public Administration degree from the top-ranked CU Denver School of Public Affairs prepares you to be an innovative leader in public and nonprofit organizations. By combining world-class faculty with a diverse, urban setting, we create opportunities for experiential learning.

The result is a student body united in its vision for a better world and equipped with the practical skills to make it happen. You'll gain real-world perspective working in the field and learning from professors who shape public policy through research. When you graduate, you're not just ready to start making an impact. You've already begun.

We offer concentrations that allow you to focus on your specific career aspirations. You can mix on-campus and online courses, or you can earn a degree through a 100 percent online experience taking courses that are taught by the same top-notch faculty.

By offering flexible schedules and different paths to earning a degree, our MPA program is accessible to working professionals and full-time students alike.

REWARDING CAREERS, STRONG JOBS OUTLOOK

Master of Public Administration alumni report extremely high job satisfaction as related to value to society, degree of autonomy, variety of job tasks and level of challenge. Job prospects for MPA graduates are excellent because a large percentage of federal, state and local government employees are eligible to retire by late 2017. In addition, employment in the nonprofit sector grew every year in the last decade, and growth in nonprofit wages and employment outpaced both business and government.

CURRICULUM

In addition to the core public administration curriculum, students learn about current issues through special interest seminars. Students can also focus on a concentration area, including: Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Environmental Policy, Management and Law; Gender-Based Violence; Local Government; or, Nonprofit Organizations.

All students in the Master of Public Administration degree program must complete the following required courses:

- » Introduction to Public Administration and Public Service
- » Organizational Management and Behavior
- » Research and Analytic Methods
- » Economics and Public Finance OR Public Budgeting and Finance
- » The Policy Process and Democracy
- » Public Service Leadership
- » Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Courses in the different concentration topics are offered on a rotating basis, and students can also choose from a wide range of elective courses. Topics change regularly, but can include:

- » Principles of Emergency Management
- » Nonprofits and Public Policy
- » Natural Resources and Environmental Health Law
- » Collaboration Across Sectors
- » Local Government Politics and Policy
- » Policy Formulation and Implementation
- » Nonprofit Boards and Executive Leadership
- » Public Policies for Homeland Security and Disasters
- » Urban Social Problems
- » Law and Public Policy
- » Public Budgeting and Finance
- » Strategic Management for Nonprofit and Public Managers
- » Social Entrepreneurship
- » Leadership, Advocacy and Social Change
- » Intergovernmental Management
- » Managing in a Multicultural Environment
- » Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Earn your degree from a
U.S. News & World Report
top-ranked school

Traditional, accelerated,
executive and online program
options offered

Students can earn the Certified
Nonprofit Professional credential,
which provides preferential
employment consideration

Online courses taught by the
same top-notch faculty as
in-person courses

Several dual degree
programs available

The School of Public Affairs is
fully accredited by the Network
of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs,
and Administration

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students are encouraged to use the online application system. If you prefer hard copies of the materials or have trouble with the online application, you can download the required materials from our website.

In order to apply please submit:

- » Graduate application, Part I and II (ucdenver.edu/apply)
- » Three (3) recommendation forms
- » Declaration of program form
- » GRE, GMAT, or LSAT scores, or waiver request
 - Applicants taking an examination should specify a graduate major at the University of Colorado in Public Administration (Graduate School Department Code Number 4801 for Item 11 on the Application Form; Institution Code R4875)
- » Two official transcripts
- » Current resume
- » Essay: a 1-3 page statement of your educational and career goals
- » Application fee (\$50; \$75 for international students)

Send all of the application materials to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Fall	March 15	August 1
Spring	October 15	December 1
Summer	March 15	May 1

