PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.)

https://carsey.unh.edu/mpa

Description

The Master of Public Administration degree (MPA) offers you the opportunity to learn the skills you need in all aspects of government and nonprofit management including the tools of leadership, program evaluation, budgets, planning, personnel, collective bargaining, and policy analysis. The program provides an accessible and responsive curriculum so you can address issues that are important to your region which values democratic involvement, accountability, and administrative competency in the provision and delivery of public services through its towns, cities, state agencies, and a wide range of non-governmental organizations.

- The program’s flexible schedule accommodates full-time working professionals with courses offered year-round, typically meeting one evening per week or online
- Study with public service professionals and professors who bring strong analysis and best practices to your learning
- Graduate in as little as 16 months (full time) or 21 months (part time)

Program Delivery & Location: Academic courses are offered in the evenings in person on the UNH Manchester campus and online, with additional elective courses offered in person on the UNH Durham campus.

Requirements

Students enrolled in the Carsey School's Master of Public Administration program are required to complete a thirty-six (36) credit program, consisting of:

- Four (4) BASIC Core Curriculum Courses
- Three (3) ADVANCED Core Curriculum Courses
- Five (5) ELECTIVE Courses

These provide students with a strong foundation in theory and the applied skills necessary to foster democratic involvement, accountability and administrative competency in the provision and delivery of public services in towns, cities, state agencies, and a wide range of nonprofit and non-governmental organizations. Further opportunities for depth and specialization are provided through a wide range of elective courses which vary by semester.

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<td>Organization and Management in Public and Non-profit Sectors</td>
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MPA BASIC Core Curriculum Courses (4 Courses):

MPA ADVANCED Core Curriculum Courses: Choose Three (3) ¹

PA 803 Performance Management in Public and Non-Profit Organizations

PA 804 Policy and Program Evaluation
PA 808 Administrative Law
PA 812 Leadership Theory and Practice
PA 815 Art of Negotiation
PA 907 Legal and Policy-Making Environment on Public and Non-Profit Sectors
PA 911 Public Management Techniques
PA 912 Human Resource Management in Public and Non-profit Sectors
PA 914 Financial Management and Budgeting in Public and Non-profit Sectors
PA 918 Non-Profit Management

MPA ELECTIVE Courses: Choose Five (5) 3-Credit PA 800/900 Elective Courses (or related discipline with MPA Academic Advisor's approval) ²

Total Credits 36

¹ The Capstone project is the culmination of the student's graduate work, applying academic knowledge with practical experience. Students with public or nonprofit sector professional experience can enroll in PA 908A (3 credits) and those without this experience can enroll in 908B (6 credits).

² One or two of the required elective courses may be waived for students who have successfully completed specific training programs as identified on the MPA website.