MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Fairfield University Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is a 36-credit program. It is designed for those working in the public and nonprofit sectors, recent college graduates, or those looking for a career change. Our MPA program provides students with the opportunity to obtain essential skills needed to address pressing public issues, including expertise in fiscal management, public policies, project administration, grant-writing, analytics and human resource management. These subjects form the core of the Fairfield MPA Program.

Fairfield's program also requires that students complete a five-course specialization in an aspect of public administration that matches their professional goals, whether it be in nonprofit management, state and local government, emergency management or healthcare administration. The Program is completed through a three-credit seminar in public administration. Students engage in research, which is conducted under the supervision of a faculty member. Working professionals in this exciting field examine pressing social, ethical, and professional issues and develop strong leadership abilities for advancement in their chosen fields.

The Masters in Public Administration program at Fairfield University hosts the MPA Summit every spring. This forum brings citizens, students, public administrators, community leaders, and state and local officials together to participate in constructive dialogue on matters that directly affect our community. MPA students have increased access to the Summit providing a key opportunity for networking.

Fairfield's state-accredited program is ideally suited for students interested in a public administration degree. Students in this program will study current theories, trends, and issues related to the field of Public Administration and will engage in active learning, critical reflection and experiential practices that are the hallmarks of a Jesuit education. Courses emphasize theory, research, and application to advance careers in the following areas:

- National Government
- State Governments
- City Governments
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Healthcare Management
- Emergency Management
- Private Research

As a graduate student in this program, students will work closely with faculty to tailor their curriculum to their personal, professional, and academic goals. The MPA program offers flexibility for students' busy schedules and provides the highest quality graduate educational experience.

Requirements

To earn the Master of Public Administration degree, students choose from a range of courses that have been designed specifically for the MPA program and may also take up to one course in allied areas.

Students, in consultation with the program director, select courses to suit their academic, personal, and career goals.

Code	Title	Credits
PUAD 5400	Data Analysis for Public Administrators	3
PUAD 5405	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PUAD 5410	Financial Management and Budgeting	3
PUAD 5415	Human Resource Management [1]	3
PUAD 5420	Research Methods	3
PUAD 5425	Administrative Leadership and Ethics	3
PUAD 6999	Seminar in Public Administration	3
Elective Courses		
Select five courses from a specialization of choice, listed below		15
Total Credits		**36**

[1] Students may substitute one of the following courses for PUAD 5415: MGMT 6505 or MGMT 6525

Specializations

In addition to required courses offered by the MPA program, students will choose one specialization from the following areas:

City/State Management Track

Code	Title	Credits
PUAD 5435	Grant Writing	3
or DATA 6520	Analytics Consulting and Strategy	
PUAD 5440	State and Local Government	3
PUAD 5445	Urban Policy	3
Electives		6
Total Credits		**15**

Emergency Management Track

Code	Title	Credits
PUAD 5435	Grant Writing	3
or DATA 6520	Analytics Consulting and Strategy	
Electives		6
Total Credits		**9**

Health Administration Track

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 7602	Healthcare Economics and Marketing	3
PUAD 5435	Grant Writing	3
or DATA 6520	Analytics Consulting and Strategy	
Electives		6
Total Credits		**12**

Nonprofit Track

Code	Title	Credits
DATA 6520	Analytics Consulting and Strategy	3
PUAD 5430	Economics of the Nonprofit Sector	3
PUAD 5435	Grant Writing	3
Electives		6
Total Credits		**15**

Public Administration Electives

Code	Title	Credits
PUAD 5430	Economics of the Nonprofit Sector	3
PUAD 5435	Grant Writing	3
PUAD 5440	State and Local Government	3
PUAD 5445	Urban Policy	3
PUAD 5470	American Public Policy	3
HCAD 6100	Introduction to the United States Healthcare System	3

In addition to the MPA courses listed above, students may take one of the following elective courses in Communication:

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 5321	Communication Processes in Organizations: Negotiation	3
COMM 5324	Crisis Communication	3
COMM 5340	Conflict Communication	3
COMM 5343	Ethics and Medical Marketing Communication	3
COMM 5347	Communication in Healthcare Organizations	3
COMM 5348	Health Risk Communication	3
COMM 5502	Small Group and Team Communication	3
COMM 5532	Nonprofit Media	3
COMM 5547	Healthcare Organizational Communication	3