Welcome

MPA Orientation

Home of top-ten ranked academic programs with rigorous accreditation standards
Mission Statement

The mission of the Master of Public Administration program is to strengthen the public service in a democratic and diverse society by educating students to manage and lead public and nonprofit institutions effectively, ethically, and democratically.
Introductions

• Faculty and staff
  – Responsibilities/courses taught and research interests

• Students
  – Name
  – Occupation
  – Anticipated area of concentration/specialization
Meet Your ADVISOR
School of Public Administration—
A National Leader in Public Service Education

• MPA
• Graduate Certificate in Public Management
• PhD in Public Administration
• M.S. Urban Studies
• Certified Public Manager Program
• Aviation Institute
• Emergency Services Program
Becoming a Public Service Professional

• Internships
• American Society for Public Administration
  – Nebraska Chapter
• Nebraska City Managers Association
• Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
• Great Plains Government Finance Officers Association
An MPA At UNO

• Develops the skills used by managers to lead. This includes managing people and organizations; designing, implementing and assessing policies, projects and programs.

• MPA Alumni work in
  – all levels of government
  – nonprofit organizations delivering services in health care, youth and human services
  – housing and community development
  – international development
  – public service-related private businesses.
An MPA At UNO

• Broadly speaking, you will take courses in public policy analysis, public management, leadership, budgeting, and analytic methods, along with courses on specific policy and administration topics.

• Classes fall into 3 categories:
  
  Policy    Management    Leadership
MPA Degree Requirements

• Major Curriculum Changes Went Into Effect This Semester
  – Affected Core Curriculum and in many cases, concentration requirements
  – Goals of which are to keep up with cutting-edge MPA curriculum and give you more course-selection flexibility
MPA Core Curriculum

- PA 8050 Foundations of Public Service
- PA 8100 Public Management & Leadership
- PA 8090 Organization Theory & Behavior
- PA 8120 Analysis & Decision Making
- PA 8300 Policy Design & Implementation
- PA 8400 Public & Nonprofit Budgeting
- PA 8530 Planning & Evaluation
- PA 8990 Capstone Project
MPA Curriculum

Core Courses | 24 Credits
Concentration Courses | 9 Credits
Electives | 6 Credits

TOTAL MPA Courses | 39 Credits
MPA Degree Requirements

• **Beginning core** (12 credit hours)
  
  – PA 8050 Foundations of Public Service
  – PA 8100 Public Management and Leadership
  – PA 8090 Organization Theory and Behavior
  – PA 8120 Analysis and Decision-Making
MPA Degree Requirements

• Concentrations
  – Aviation
  – Emergency Management
  – Health Care
  – Local Government
  – Non-Profit Management
  – Public Management
  – Public Policy
Degree Requirements

• Specializations
  – Criminology & Criminal Justice
  – Information & Technology Management

• Dual Degrees
  – Social Work/Public Administration
  – Information Science/Public Administration
Degree Requirements

• Ending Core: Capstone
• Need to have completed 30 credits (hopefully all core)
Graduate Certificate in PA

Required Courses

PA 8050 Foundations of Public Service
PA 8090 Organization Theory and Behavior
PA 8100 Public Management and Leadership

Electives: 6 credits (much from which to choose; I of course think Budgeting or Financial Mgmt)

All courses are applicable toward MPA degree
Modes of Delivery

- Omaha classes – 001 extensions (PA 8050-001)

- Online classes – 850 extensions (PA 8050-850)
Important Procedures

• Mavlink Registration
• Gmav e-mail
• Working with the system
• UNO Help Desk 554-HELP
• Textbooks – [www.unobookstore.com](http://www.unobookstore.com)
• Blackboard
• [MPA Handbook](#)
DegreeWorks

• Degree audit available through the MavLink system (mavlink.nebraska.edu)
• Each student should check DegreeWorks status periodically to ensure that you are on track for program completion
Finish your MPA

• Salary Statistics for MPA Degree Graduates

If you change your BA to a Master’s Degree, your salary is likely to increase by a substantial amount.

General Salary Statistics for Master’s Degrees

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the median earnings in 2011 for people 25 years and over were $44,970 for a Bachelor’s Degree and $59,230 for a Master’s.
Expectations

- Commitment
- Professionalism
- Energy
- Enthusiasm
Our Expectations from Student

Graduate students are expected to do work of high caliber. Failure to do so will result in probation or dismissal from the program or from graduate standing.

Provisional students will be dismissed from the program or placed on probation if they receive a grade of “C+” or below in any course during the first 12 hours of graduate study.

Students with unconditional or provisional admission will automatically be dismissed from the program if they receive a grade of “C-” or below in any course in the plan of study.

Also, any of the following will result in either dismissal or probation:

- Failure to maintain a 3.2 GPA in graduate public administration courses for the first 12 hours of the MPA program.
- Failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA in all graduate work taken as part of the degree program beyond 12 hours.
- Receiving at least nine hours of graduate credit with the grade of “C+” or “C” regardless of the overall GPA.
You Are Among the Best

• Nationally Ranked #33 Overall
  – Information technology and management ranked 6th nationally;
  – Public management administration ranked 21st nationally;
  – City management and urban policy ranked 14th nationally;
  – Public finance and budgeting ranked 6th nationally;
  – Nonprofit management ranked 11th nationally.

• Outstanding Teaching
  – Experience
  – Excellence in teaching

• Concern for Relevance and Quality
  – High levels of satisfaction
  – Greater advancement opportunities
Survey

- MPA competencies
- Pre-program proficiency
- Another survey will be conducted when you complete the program
- This is NOT a test!