Master of Public Administration

There are many challenges and opportunities in the public and nonprofit administration sectors. Lead the charge in solving them with our Master of Public Administration. In as little as 17 months, you gain the skills to create and implement public policy. Classes are just 6 weeks long, so they won't get in the way of your busy life.

You'll learn how to:

- Communicate with multiple stakeholders, elected officials and the public
- Analyze legislative and judicial processes
- Analyze and manage public financing and budgets
- Understand the unique role of shared decision-making between appointed and elected officials
- Analyze and present data to diverse stakeholder groups
- Evaluate public sector programs for effectiveness
Projected job growth: 7%  
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do with a Master of Public Administration?

An MPA can prepare you to be a:

- Chief operating officer
- General manager
- Operations director
- Regulatory affairs director
- Compliance manager

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for management occupations is projected to be faster than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.
Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 36 credits to complete this master’s in public administration online. Your course schedule may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

12 Core Courses

Here’s where you’ll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in this field.

- MPA/503: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES
- COM/PA523: COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS
- LAW/PA513: LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- HRM/PA533: HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
- MPA/533: LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
- MPA/543: DATA ANALYSIS FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
- MPA/573: PROGRAM EVALUATION
- MPA/TM543: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
- MPA/563: PUBLIC BUDGETING
- MPA/553: PUBLIC FINANCE
- MPA/583: PUBLIC POLICY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
- MPA/593: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION APPLIED PROJECT

What you’ll learn

When you earn your master’s in public administration online, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Data analysis
- Communication
- Human capital development
- Organizational change
- Public budgeting
Industry alignment

Our MPA curriculum is designed to align with leading industry organizations such as the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA®).

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for an online MPA.