

Approx. program length:

17 months

Credits:

36

Cost per credit:

\$698

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

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. Plus, There's no application fee, no SAT test requirements, and we'll even request your prior college transcripts for you.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Leadership
- Public policy
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Financial management

Projected job growth:

8%

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 Administrative Officer
- City Administrator
- City Manager
- Government Service Executive
- Nonprofit Director
- Public Works Director
- Program Manager

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for management occupations is projected to be much faster than average between 2021 and 2031.

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

Total credits required:

36

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/PA534: Human Capital Development in Public Administration
- MPA/534: Leading Organizational Change in Public Administration
- MPA/543: Data Analysis for Public Policy and Management
- MPA/573: Program Evaluation
- MPA/TM544: Leveraging Technology in Public Administration
- MPA/564: Budgeting in Public Administration
- MPA/554: Finance in Public Administration
- 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.

You'll learn how to:

- Integrate leadership and management skills in context of public service organizations.
- Integrate public administration principles in the policy process.
- Analyze problem-solving approaches to public administration issues.
- Analyze public service perspectives in fiduciary public administration environments.
- Apply strategies for communicating with diverse and changing populations in public administration.

Schedule

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