Public Administration

Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), the Master of Public Administration is a two year degree program in which students develop a foundation in general public administration and specialized skills in one of the program areas of expertise. The Levin College is ranked highly in the specialties of Urban Policy and Local Government Management by U.S. News & World Report.

The MPA program prepares graduates to lead in diverse and dynamic urban environments. By applying engaged and interactive learning, faculty and students work together to discover, generate, share, and extend intellectual resources for the benefit of the community. Coursework provides a foundation in public service, administration, and management with specialized skills grounded in one of the program’s areas of expertise.


Our graduates hold a variety of leadership positions in the local, state, and federal service, as well as in international agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Master of Public Administration Program must meet the minimum requirements established by the College of Graduate Studies and the MPA program faculty:

+ A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0.
+ Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, with an average Verbal and Quantitative score at the 40th percentile, and an Analytical Writing score of at least 4.0. Students with a graduate degree from an accredited U.S. college or university are exempted from this requirement. Other standardized admission examinations may be substituted at the discretion of the Program Director.
+ Two letters of recommendation, preferably from faculty.
+ Non-native English speakers must demonstrate English-language proficiency.

Graduate Assistantships and Scholarships

Graduate Assistantships and scholarships are competitive, and are awarded to qualified students who have been admitted to Urban Affairs graduate degree programs. Candidates must have an undergraduate or graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify for and retain a graduate assistantship.

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