

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, M.P.A.

The master's degree in Public Administration will provide graduate training in academic, research and service to prepare students for leadership positions in public service, both in the non-profit and public sectors of society. The graduate curriculum consists of a 36 semester credit hour requirement, including a core of required courses and a specialty area of emphasis (concentration) of six credit hours in Urban Administration or Nonprofit Management. The core consists of 30 semester credit hours designed to train students to lead agencies in areas of budgetary development and management; data collection and analysis; personnel training, and policy development and implementation. All students are required to submit a portfolio for approval by the MPA Governing Advisory Committee during their final semester as part of the PSC 618 course, Seminar in Public Administration.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should follow the admissions process outlined in the Graduate Catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at [www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission) (<http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>).

In addition, applicants must have:

- a current resume or curriculum vitae;
- a personal statement describing the applicant's interest in the program and goals from program completion.

## Program Requirements

The M.P.A. program is composed of the following:

| Code | Title                     | Credit Hours |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|
|      | Core Curriculum           | 30           |
|      | Concentration             | 6            |
|      | <b>Total Credit Hours</b> | <b>36</b>    |

## Plan of Study

The M.P.A. will consist of a core curriculum to include the following:

| Code                   | Title                         | Credit Hours |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Core Curriculum</b> |                               |              |
| ACE 689                | Grant Proposal Writing        | 3            |
| LS 625                 | Human Resources Management    | 3            |
| MGT 672                | Organizational Behavior       | 3            |
| PSC 532                | Nonprofit Management          | 3            |
| PSC 533                | Public Adm & Policy Dev       | 3            |
| PSC 553                | Government Budgetary Admin    | 3            |
| PSC 604                | Data Analysis                 | 3            |
| PSC 616                | Public Adm Scope and Practice | 3            |

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|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| PSC 618   | Sem Public Administration | 3         |
| PSC 621   | Urban Administration      | 3         |
| <b>Concentration</b>  |                           |           |
| Students will then develop a concentration of six credit hours in one of the following: |                           | 6         |
| <i>Urban Administration:</i>  |                           |           |
| GEO 526   | Principles of GIS         |           |
| or GEO 529 for students who took GEO 426 as an undergraduate)                           |                           |           |
| GEO 510   | Urban Geography           |           |
| or GEO 524 Transportation Geography   |                           |           |
| <i>Nonprofit Management</i>   |                           |           |
| LS 640  | Legal Issues NPO & Public |           |
| PSC 660   | Sem in Policy Analysis    |           |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |                           | <b>36</b> |