

Public Finance Management

Martin School of Public Policy & Administration

The Master of Public Financial Management (MPFM) program offers a professional degree that prepares students for careers as professionals in public and non-profit sectors. The program is offered 100% online and is designed for students with interests in public financial management, public sector accounting and auditing and other unique aspects of public finance. Students enter the program with diverse academic backgrounds and career goals. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have had either an undergraduate course or work experience in accounting prior to admission.

Full details about the program are available at <http://martin.uky.edu/>

Admission Requirements

The University of Kentucky uses the Hobson's ApplyYourself system. All documents must be submitted online: <http://gradschool.uky.edu/welcome-university-kentucky>. Be prepared to download:

1. A one to three page personal statement explaining why you wish to pursue an MPFM degree.
2. A resume or CV
3. An official transcript from each post-secondary institution that you have attended.
4. As an online program, admission includes IN-STATE tuition independent of your state of residency.
5. Other administrative fees as applicable.

You will enter your GRE or GMAT scores in the Graduate School application but will also need to submit official scores from ETS. International students will also need English Language test scores.

Deadlines for the program are the same as the Graduate School admission deadlines. The final selection of students for admission will be subject to the discretion of the admissions committee of the program. Competitive admission is based on a consideration of the documents listed above.

Degree requirements

Courses are offered in 8-week and 4-week (summer session only) blocks. Students enroll in one course at a time and may complete the 36-credit program in two years. The following section outlines the courses included in the MPFM. Note that the first 4 courses listed comprise of a Graduate Certificate Program that may be taken independently of the full MPFM. The GRE/GMAT is not required for the Graduate Certificate Program.

All students must take the 3-hour capstone class and successfully complete and defend a capstone project developed in that class. The purpose of the course and the project is to integrate the learning experience of the MPP program and apply knowledge and skills acquired in the program to a policy issue. The presentation of the Capstone project serves as the final Masters exam.

Graduate Courses

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| PA 631 | Public Financial Management: Budgeting/Debt Management | (3) |
| PA 632 | Investments/Cash Management | (3) |
| PA 625 | Governmental Accounting and Financial Condition Analysis | (3) |
| PA 627 | Governmental Auditing | (3) |
| PA 626 | Applications in Governmental Accounting and Audit | (3) |
| PA 683 | Tax Policy | (3) |

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| PA 633 | Municipal Securities | (3) |
| PA 694 | Public Pensions and Insurance | (3) |
| PA 695 | Data and Revenue Forecasting in the Public Sector | (3) |
| PA 696 | Legal Issues in Public Financial Management | (3) |
| PA 697 | Special Topics in Public Financial Management | (3) |
| PA 681 | Capstone | (3) |