

Public Policy & Administration

Martin School of Public Policy & Administration

The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, a research, academic and service unit of the Graduate School, offers the Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, the Master in Public Administration (MPA), the Master in Public Policy (MPP) degrees and the online Master of Public Financial Management. The Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration is designed to prepare students for positions with academic institutions or policy think tanks. The MPA is a 40-credit hour program designed for those seeking careers in the public, non-profit, and private sectors. The MPP is a 37-hour program designed to prepare individuals for careers as professional policy analysts in government and non-profit organizations. The MPFM is a 36 credit-hour degree preparing students to work in the finance departments of government and nonprofit organizations. The interdisciplinary members of the faculty have primary or joint appointments in the Martin School and in one of the academic departments of the College of Business and Economics, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Education, or the College of Agriculture, Food and environment.

Doctor of Philosophy

The curriculum of the Ph.D. program provides knowledge of the principles of organizational behavior, an understanding of the public policy process and policy issues, and an ability to analyze policy and administrative problems through research and analytical methods.

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 upload:

1. A one to three page statement explaining why you wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree.
2. A resume or CV
3. An official or unofficial transcript from each post-secondary institution that you have attended.
4. The e-mail addresses of at least three individuals who have agreed to write a recommendation letter on your behalf. Ideally, at least two letters are from academic references.
5. A writing sample, while optional, is encouraged.
6. You will enter your GRE or GMAT scores in the Graduate School application but will also need to submit official scores from ETS.

Entering students are expected to have at least a 3.0 grade point average in undergraduate work (on a 4.0 scale), and a 3.5 in all graduate level work. The Martin School does not have "cut-off" scores when it comes to the GRE (or other accepted admissions exam) and considers all aspects of students' records, including evidence of improving performance during students' academic careers. The final selection of students for admission will be subject to the discretion of the director of Graduate Studies based on the advice of the admissions committee of the Ph.D. program. Competitive admission is based on a consideration of the documents listed above.

Pre-Requisites and Exemptions; Many incoming students will hold a master's degree in public administration or public policy. Other students with master's degrees in such areas as political science, economics, agricultural economics or business administration will be evaluated with respect to their background in public administration. All students are expected to have taken four University of Kentucky courses: PA 652 (Public Policy Economics), PA 631 (Public Financial Management), PA 642

(Public Organizational Theory and Behavior), and PA 651 (The Policy Process), or their equivalents from a NASPAA accredited program or their equivalents. Students who have not fulfilled these class requirements will do so before taking the relevant Ph.D. core classes. All students are also expected to have a strong background in research methodology and will need to take calculus before beginning the Ph.D. classes.

Degree Requirements

Students are required to take 42 hours of graduate course work beyond the master's degree or its equivalent. The program of study includes 15 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours in the area of concentration, 3 credit hours of theory related to and supporting the student's area of concentration, and 9 credit hours of research methodology courses. In addition to course work, students complete two examinations and a dissertation. The dissertation involves research on a public management or public policy issue.

Core Courses

- PA 731 Fiscal and Budgetary Policy (3)
- PA 742 Theory of Public Organizations (3)
- PA 750 Introduction to Economics of Public Policy (3)
- PA 751 Public Policy Formulation (3)
- PA 752 The Economics of Policy Analysis (3)

Financial Aid

Financial Support is available to qualified students through fellowships, assistantships and research grants. All students will be considered for aid. No separate form is required. Applications received by February 1st have the maximum chance of receiving support.

Master of Public Administration

The MPA program offers a professional degree that prepares students for careers of leadership in public service as analysts and managers in the public, not-for-profit, and private sectors. Students enter the program with diverse academic backgrounds.

Admission Requirements

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1. A one to three page statement explaining why you wish to pursue an MPA degree.
2. A resume or CV
3. An official or unofficial transcript from each post-secondary institution that you have attended.
4. The e-mail addresses of at least three individuals who have agreed to write a recommendation letter on your behalf. Ideally, at least two letters are from academic references.
5. GRE or GMAT scores. They can be unofficial for admission purposes, but official scores must be submitted upon enrollment. International students will also need English Language test scores.

Questions may be addressed to:

The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration
Student Affairs Office
martinschool@uky.edu
859-257-5594

Deadlines for the program are the same as the Graduate School admission deadlines. Applications completed by February 1st will have priority for financial aid. Generally, courses are offered in the late

afternoon and evening to accommodate working students. The Martin School MPA program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Administration (NASPAA).

Two dual degree programs are offered: a dual JD/MPA program and a dual Pharm.D./MPA degree. For more information about those programs, see Graduate Admission.

Degree Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 37 semester hours of graduate work is required:

1. An Administrative Core of 25 semester hours covering the areas of public policy formulation and analysis, public policy economics, organization and management, budgeting, finance, and analytical methods.

- PA 602 Strategic Planning in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors (3)
- PA 621 Quantitative Methods of Research (3)
- PA 622 Public Program Evaluation (3)
- PA 623 Decision Analysis (3)
- PA 631 Public Financial Management (3)
- PA 632 Public Funds Management (3)
- PA 642 Public Organization Theory and Behavior (3)
- PA 651 The Policy Process
- PA 652 Public Policy Economics (3)
- PA 691 Ethics in Public Administration (1)

2. An area of concentration of 6 semester hours in a stated area of specialization (public financial management, policy analysis, local economic development; non-profit management, environmental management, education policy, health policy, gerontology, international public policy, or transportation systems management) or in an individually designed concentration.
3. Capstone Course and Capstone Project PA 681 Capstone in Public Administration (3). 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 MPA program and apply knowledge and skills acquired in the program to a policy issue or management problem. Oral presentation of the project before a faculty committee serves as the final masters' exam
4. Internship: PA 711 Internship in Public Administration (3). An administrative internship at an appropriate agency for 400 hours. Students with a significant professional experience may substitute an independent study policy paper or an additional graduate course.

Master of Public Policy

The MPP program offers a professional degree that prepares students for careers as professional policy analysts in government and non-profit organizations. Students enter the program with diverse academic backgrounds, but should have taken statistics, calculus, and intermediate microeconomics.

Admission Requirements

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1. A one to three page statement explaining why you wish to pursue an MPP degree.
2. A resume or CV
3. An official or unofficial transcript from each post-secondary institution that you have attended.
4. The e-mail addresses of at least three individuals who have agreed to write a recommendation letter on your behalf. Ideally, at least two letters are from academic references.
5. GRE or GMAT scores. They can be unofficial for admission purposes, but official scores must be submitted upon enrollment. International students will also need English Language test scores.

Deadlines for the program are the same as the Graduate School admission deadlines. Applications completed by February 1st will have priority for financial aid. The final selection of students for admission will be subject to the discretion of the admissions committee of the MPP program. Competitive admission is based on a consideration of the documents listed above.

Course Requirements

1. Administrative Core of 3 semester hours covering the areas of statistics, public policy formulation and analysis, public policy economics, organization and management, budgeting, finance, and analytical methods:
 - PA 622 Public Program Evaluation (3)
 - PA 624 Government Information Systems (3)
 - PA 631 Public Financial Management (3)
 - PA 642 Public Organization, Theory and Behavior (3)
 - PA 651 The Policy Process (3)
 - PA 652 Public Policy Economics (3)
 - PA 690 Public Policy Analysis Overview (3)
 - PA 692 Econometrics (3)
 - PA 795 Mathematics for Policy Analysis (1)
2. Area of Specialization (6 Semester Hours). 6 semester hours in a functional area such as Health, Transportation, Education, Environmental Financial, Social Welfare, International Policy or another approved area.
3. Capstone Course and Capstone Project (3 Semester Hours). 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.
4. Internship: PA 711 Internship in Public Administration (3). An administrative internship at an appropriate agency for 400 hours. Students with significant professional experience may substitute an independent study policy paper or an additional graduate course.

Graduate Courses

PA 602	Strategic Planning And Organizational Change In The Public And Nonprofit Sectors	(3)
PA 621	Quantitative Methods Of Research	(3)
PA 622	Public Program Evaluation	(3)
PA 623	Decision Analysis And Decision Support Systems	(3)
PA 624	Government Information Systems	(2)
PA 628	Human Resources Management In Healthcare	(3)
PA 631	Public Financial Management	(3)
PA 632	Public Funds Management	(3)
PA 633	Municipal Securities	(3)
PA 636	Health Economics	(3)
PA 637	Health Finance	(3)
PA 642	Public Organization Theory And Behavior	(3)
PA 651	The Policy Process	(3)
PA 652	Public Policy Economics	(3)
PA 653	Local Economic Development	(3)
PA 660	Public Policy Of The Nonprofit Sector	(3)

PA 661	Financial Management Of Nonprofit Organization	(3)
PA 662	Non-Profit Management	(3)
PA 665	Public Policy And Political Economy In An International Context	(3)
PA 667	Policymaking In An International Context: Political And Organizational Dimensions	(3)
PA 671	Overview Of U.S. Healthcare	(3)
PA 673	Health Policy	(3)
PA 680	Benefit-Cost Analysis	(3)
PA 681	Capstone In Public Administration	(3)
PA 683	Tax Policy	(3)
PA 690	Public Policy Analysis Overview	(3)
PA 691	Ethics And Public Policy	(1)
PA 692	Econometrics For Policy Analysts	(3)
PA 711	Internship In Public Administration	(3)
PA 722	Policy And Program Evaluation	(3)
PA 727	Environmental Economics, Regulation And Policy	(3)
PA 731	Fiscal And Budgetary Policy	(3)
PA 742	Theory Of Public Organizations	(3)
PA 750	Introduction To Economics For Public Policy	(3)
PA 751	Public Policy Formulation And Implementation	(3)
PA 752	The Economics Of Policy Analysis	(3)
PA 754	Advanced Topics In Public Finance	(3)
PA 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
PA 775	Special Topics In Health Administration	(1-3)
PA 785	Independent Study In Health Administration	(1-3)
PA 795	Special Topics In Public Administration	(1-3)
PA 796	Independent Study In Public Administration	(1-3)
CPH 759	Independent Studies In Health Services Management	(1-3)
CPH 763	Ethics For Public Health	(3)
CPH 768	Research Credit Master Degree	(1-3)
CPH 778	Spec Tops In Public Health	(1-3)
CPH 779	Independent Studies In Public Health	(1-3)
CPH 790	Water Sanitation And Health	(3)