Online Master of Public Administration With a Concentration in Public Policy and Management

Program Highlights

36 credit hours
In-state tuition: $480.90/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: $590.53/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on 2023-2024 rates and is subject to change.

- Established program accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)
- Available in an easily accessible 100% online format suitable for working professionals, military personnel and career changers/enhancers
- Equips current and future leaders with analytical and management skills for service-minded professionals working in governmental and nonprofit organizations
- Educates students to communicate and interact ethically and productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry, with a binational focus

Be a Change Agent for the Public Good

UTEP’s Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a Concentration in Public Policy and Management provides practical and successful tools for people who want to promote the public good and is particularly well-suited to those with professional experience in the public or nonprofit sectors, and/or a strong desire to lead programs that serve the public. The MPA also has close connections with the community of El Paso, and local students will benefit from these relationships. It also has a unique partnership with the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) to provide military-affiliated students with an opportunity to obtain their MPA.

As a student of this program, you will learn how to

- Manage a diverse workforce
- Measure results/evaluate programs
- Fundraise (nonprofits) and handle alternate public sector funding (public private partnerships & alternative delivery vehicles)
- Engage and represent the needs of diverse communities
- Develop skills related to data analysis, program evaluation, budgeting, public service, leadership and data-driven decision-making

You will also have the opportunity to elect to do an internship for credit.

Ready to connect or have questions?
Call 1-800-684-UTEP to speak with an enrollment counselor today or visit us at utepconnect.utep.edu
Admissions Requirements
To qualify for admission into the MPA you must:

- Submit
  - a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
  - official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
- Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in the United States or equivalent training from a foreign institution with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Provide
  - a written statement describing your personal and professional goals as related to the focus of the MPA, your previous work or volunteer experience, and your commitment to public service
  - three letters of recommendation

International students whose first language is not English must also submit:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 600 or higher.

Curriculum
The 36-credit hour program is NASPAA-accredited.

Program Coursework
Core Courses (total of 21 hours)
- PAD 5302 The Public Administration Profession
- PAD 5310 Public Policy Process and Institutions
- PAD 5311 Economic Analysis for Public Administrators
- PAD 5351 Applied Statistics for Public Administration
- PAD 5365 Policy Analysis and Decision Making
- PAD 5367 Comprehensive Integration of Public Administration

Concentration Courses (select any 5 for a total of 15 hours)
- PAD 5350* Public and Nonprofit Management
- PAD 5352* Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- PAD 5353* Human Resources Management
- PAD 5356 Social Entrepreneurship and Not-for-Profit Management
- PAD 5363 Intergovernmental Relations
- PAD 5380 Selected Problems in Public Administration
- PAD 5344 Emergency Management
- PAD 5348 Innovation and Problem Solving
- PAD 5359 Regional and Urban Planning
- PAD 5360 Urban Administration

* If not already counted

Total Credits: 36

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.