

Master of Public Administration



> Online Program

Earn your MPA online in 12 months or 24 months ...you choose.

The Masters of Public Administration (MPA) degree prepares students for leadership careers in public service organizations. The degree is appropriate for people already working in these fields as a means of advancement and also for pre-service individuals looking to develop the skills and knowledge to enter into an administrative position.

Murray State MPA graduates have found positions in federal, state, and local governments, as well as in non-profit organizations and for-profit firms. These graduates now hold positions as city managers, human resource administrators, public works directors, inspectors general, military officers, diplomatic personnel, child protective services caseworkers, probation and parole officers, police chiefs and investigators, college and university faculty and administrators, and CEOs of charitable organizations.

Accelerated option: Two half-semester terms are offered in the fall and spring semesters. Students will take two courses per half-semester term and then complete coursework by taking three courses the following summer term.

Part-time option: This program is also designed for students who are looking for an online program that has some flexibility. Students who cannot take two courses per half-semester term could take just one course per half-semester term and still finish in two years while enrolling part-time.

Total Course Requirements - 33 hours

Required Core Courses - 21 hours

- POL 660 Research Methods
- POL 670 Foundations of Public Administration
- POL 671 Public Policy Analysis
- POL 673 Public Budgeting and Finance
- POL 674 Public Organizations
- POL 681 Human Resource Administration
- POL 685 Public Administration Capstone

Graduate Electives - 12 hours

A student must take 12 hours of graduate electives to fulfill a specialized option or area of interest with the approval of the MPA director.

COURSE SEQUENCE

	First Half-Semester	Second Half-Semester
Fall 2013	POL 660 - Research Methods POL 670 - Foundations of Pub. Admin.	POL 642 - Gov't & Business POL 681 - HR Administration
Spring 2014	POL 671 - Public Policy Analysis POL 673 - Public Budgeting and Finance	POL 674 - Public Organizations POL 648 - Healthcare Policy
Summer 2014	Various Summer Terms POL 685 - Public Administration Capstone Elective Elective	

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