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**

**Summer 2015**
- POL 685 - Public Administration Capstone
- POL 686 - Law in Public Administration

**First Half-Semester Fall 2015**
- POL 660 - Research Methods

**Second Half-Semester Fall 2015**
- POL 659 - Intergov. Relations
- POL 681 - HR Administration

**Spring 2016**
- POL 671 - Public Policy Analysis
- POL 673 - Public Budgeting and Finance

- POL 674 - Public Organizations
- Elective

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