

# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PUBA 600	Public Administration Program Evaluation	3
PUBA 690	Graduate Public Administration Capstone	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Overview

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program is designed to prepare individuals for leadership opportunities in the field of public governance and, increasingly, in non-governmental organizations and the nonprofit sector. The MPA student will apply professional knowledge, practical skills, and a Christian worldview to graduate-level topics including organizational leadership, public policy development and evaluation, political strategy for problem solving, finance for decision making, stakeholder engagement with diverse populations, and values-based ethics. Students are equipped to pursue administrative careers in public service including various levels of government, law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, and public works.

## Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) for the Master of Public Administration Degree

Graduates of the Master of Public Administration degree program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Apply knowledge of public administration theory, research, and practice.
- **PLO 2:** Critically analyze data and apply critical thinking skills to inform public and community problem-solving and decision-making processes.
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills in intra-organizational, inter-organizational, and public contexts.
- **PLO 4:** Demonstrate the cultural agility required to engage effectively the diversity of perspectives and interests involved in governance.
- **PLO 5:** Apply a Christian worldview to ethical decision-making processes and outcomes.

## Program Requirements

### Requirements for the MPA

This program features 12 courses which total 36 credits. Each course meets for eight weeks. The graduate student typically takes one course at a time completing two courses each semester. In order to earn the MPA degree, graduate students must complete the following required courses while achieving a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0:

Requirement	Title	Credits
ORGS 510	Leadership and Management in Public Administration	3
ORGS 540	Conflict Resolution and Labor Negotiations	3
ORGS 610	Organizational Behavior and Development	3
PUBA 500	History and Theory of Public Administration	3
PUBA 520	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PUBA 530	Public Personnel Management	3
PUBA 550	Public Policy Analysis	3
PUBA 560	Legal and Ethical Issues	3
PUBA 570	Political Economy	3
PUBA 590	Professional Communication in Public Administration	3