The Master of Public Administration program is a professional degree for students pursuing administrative careers in government, nonprofit organizations, private corporations, community service, and human resource management.

What the MPA Program Will Do for You

The MPA program is designed to develop competent, professional administrators who can deal with the myriad demands that are placed upon problem-solvers. The student will also develop the talents and skills necessary to manage people, public policies, and finances.

This program requires 42 credit hours which translates to either two years of full time study* or four years of part-time study (*It is also possible to fast track and finish in 3 semesters*).

The core consists of three required courses, or 12 credits, six credits of which consist of a practicum/internship or a thesis. Specialization course work includes 12 credits in one area selected by the student. Elective coursework includes 18 credits, 3 of which must be taken in a methodological course.

Core Requirements .................. 12 credit hours
Specialization Courses ............. 12 credit hours
Elective Courses ...................... 18 credit hours

### City Management Specialization

Course selection:
- Public Budgeting and Finance
- Public Management (Required for Specialization)
- Public Policy
- Planning Theory and History
- Administrative Law and Process
- Ethics in Public Administration
- Human Resources Management

### Non-Profit Management Specialization

Course selection:
- Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
- Public Policy
- Management of Non-Profit Management Organizations
- Financial Management of Nonprofits
- Non-Profit Grantsmanship and Fundraising
- Human Resources Management

### Human Resources Management

Course selection:
- Administrative Law and Process
- Human Resources Management (Required for Specialization)
- Collective Bargaining
- Arbitration
- Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- Legal Aspects of Human Resources (Required for Specialization)
- Equal Opportunity and the Workplace

### Community and Economic Development Specialization

Course selection:
- Politics of Urban Development
- Comparative Urban Development
- Housing and Community Development
- Urban Economics
- Economic Development
- Historic Preservation
- Real Estate Principles
- Urban Sustainability

### Urban Policy Specialization

Course selection:
- Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
- Public Policy (Required for Specialization)
- Politics of Urban Development
- Comparative Urban Development
- Environmental Policy
- Urban Economics (Required for Specialization)
- Topics in Public Policy
- Urban Sustainability

### Internship Placements

- Louisville Metro Office of the Mayor
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Louisville Metro Community Revitalization Services
- Center for Nonprofit Excellence
- Frazier International History Museum
- YMCA Safe Place Services

### Graduate Employment

- United Nations
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Metro Louisville Economic Growth and Innovation
- Walden Theater
- Brown-Forman
- Louisville Metro LouieStat
- Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

UPA students in Amsterdam.
Admission

The following credentials must be supplied BEFORE a candidate can be considered for admission:

1. A complete application form (available online at http://louisville.edu/graduate/)
2. Official transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate study. Must have earned a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and have a minimum GPA of 3.00.
3. Standardized Tests. Generally requires a minimum Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 153 in Verbal and 144 in Quantitative. Those applicants whose native language is not English and who do not hold a degree from a university where the language of instruction is English, must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 79 on the internet-based test or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with a minimum score of 6.5.
4. A Personal Statement of Interest to pursue the MUP. This is the applicant’s opportunity to state why they wish to pursue the degree and can include anything from their passions and interests in life to life experience to this point and perhaps what they would like to do after they finish the degree.
5. Two letters of recommendation, preferably at least one from an academic source.

Joint Programs

Master of Urban Planning/Master of Public Administration (MUP/MPA) • Master of Public Administration/Law (MPA/JD) • Master of Public Administration/Master of Arts Curatorial Studies (MPA/MA)

Louisville: The Most Livable Large City*

Louisville, Kentucky is a dynamic city with a rich culture, vibrant history, and strong neighborhoods. Nestled on the banks of the Ohio River, Louisville is the cultural, economic, and population center of the state of Kentucky. The city of Louisville currently finds itself in the midst of an urban rejuvenation that makes it the perfect laboratory to study urban planning, design, and development.

The city features a quickly redeveloping downtown that is currently going through a renaissance. It also prides itself on a network of fantastic urban parks linked by an Olmsteadian planned parkway system. The city has a vibrant cultural scene where local musicians and artists are revered and thrive. Louisville is the home of the most famous horse race in the world, the Kentucky Derby and also many great music, culture and arts festivals that include: the St. James Art Fair, Forecastle Festival, Cherokee Art Fair, WorldFest, Bluegrass Festival, and Reggae Festival to name a few.

There is a strong sense of community felt in Louisville due to the many diverse neighborhoods that feature undying support for local business, development of community gardens and farmers markets, and redevelopment of the central business district. The program is closely linked to many community efforts and development projects as well as the Metropolitan government and thus is able to utilize local resources for research, publishing of academic articles, and planning and project development that has a direct impact on the quality of life of the city as a whole.

*Awarded by the US Conference of Mayors

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