MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Description and Outcomes
If you are a practicing or aspiring administrator, the Master of Public Administration program could help you develop the skills and techniques to provide leadership in a wide variety of public service fields. The program teaches you to evaluate, implement, and manage policy and to make ethical and effective decisions in the interest of creating public value.

The curriculum focuses on a core area of study designed to provide you with the underpinnings of public administration and management and analytical methods to assess administrative policy implementation and effectiveness. The courses cover public administration and management, ethics and leadership, budgeting and the administration of public funds, strategic planning, and human resource management.

Program Length
The Master of Public Administration program consists of a minimum of 55 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded the Master of Public Administration.

Program Outcomes
1. Public Value: Apply knowledge of practice in public administration to make effective decisions that create public value in diverse and dynamic situations.
2. Ethical Decision Making: Evaluate the social and ethical implications of decisions made in the public interest.
3. Innovation: Innovate to address issues and opportunities in the public sector.
5. Finance: Apply financial knowledge to make sound and ethical decisions in the public interest.
6. Diversity: Assess cultural, individual, and role differences of constituents and stakeholders.
7. Leadership: Apply principles of leadership to shape change and improve the governance and management of public policy.

Professional Competencies
In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the graduate School of General Education (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/general-education) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability
For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements).

Prior to enrollment, it is highly recommended you complete the following prerequisite courses at the University or an accredited institution:

- American Government
- Statistics
- Public Policy

Accelerated Master of Public Administration Option
Students enrolled in one of the following programs have the option of completing the accelerated Master of Public Administration option while they earn their bachelor's degree:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services
- Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

If you are a graduate of one of the above-listed programs, are granted admission to the Master of Public Administration program, and meet the requirements for the accelerated option, you will have the following courses transferred in and will matriculate into a shortened version of the master's degree program:

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Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams
Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental
certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

**Degree Plan**

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