

# PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

master of public administration

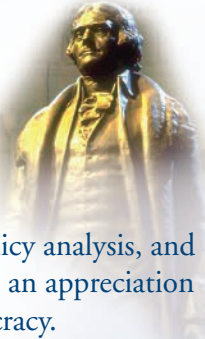
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

The opportunity to address and find solutions to public problems. That's what drives those who seek careers in public administration. This program will prepare you to manage organizations where the bottom line is public service rather than profit making, and where your leadership can make an enormous impact on people's lives. Our graduates leave with a clear understanding of the public and nonprofit sectors, strong analytical, managerial and communication skills, and a lifelong commitment to working for the greater good.

## ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Career path on the rise.** The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects the job market to expand between now and 2010 as the need grows for professionals in government and nonprofit organizations facing challenges of social and demographic change, demands for public accountability, and increased calls for reinventing government.
- **Focus.** The M.P.A. curriculum is interdisciplinary and allows specialization in a variety of areas within public administration. You may also earn a certificate in public sector labor relations, the management of nonprofit organizations, or a concentration in criminal justice.
- **Expertise and experience.** Our M.P.A. faculty are experts in public policy, budget and finance, human resource management, research methodologies, nonprofit management, and administrative ethics. Many M.P.A. students are already working in government or nonprofit agencies and bring a wealth of experience in public administration to the classroom.

**A noble aim.** We take seriously our role in producing many of Illinois' next generation of public servants. We engage students in research that seeks to improve government and public service. We also teach a skill set that includes budget and finance, organizational behavior, human resource management, quantitative and statistical analysis, policy analysis, and program evaluation, and stresses ethical behavior and an appreciation for the basic values and processes of American democracy.



### Wise Words

Scott Niermann, M.P.A.  
Recipient of A.S.P.A.'s  
Founders Forum Fellowship

"My time at UIS was filled not only with solid theory, but also with real-world application through knowledgeable and experienced professors, class projects and case studies, as well as my graduate internship through the GPSI program. I gained skills in both quantitative and qualitative analysis, political theory, and professionalism, which will serve me well as an aspiring public servant. I found the staff and faculty to be approachable and eager to assist me."

## What can I do with this degree?

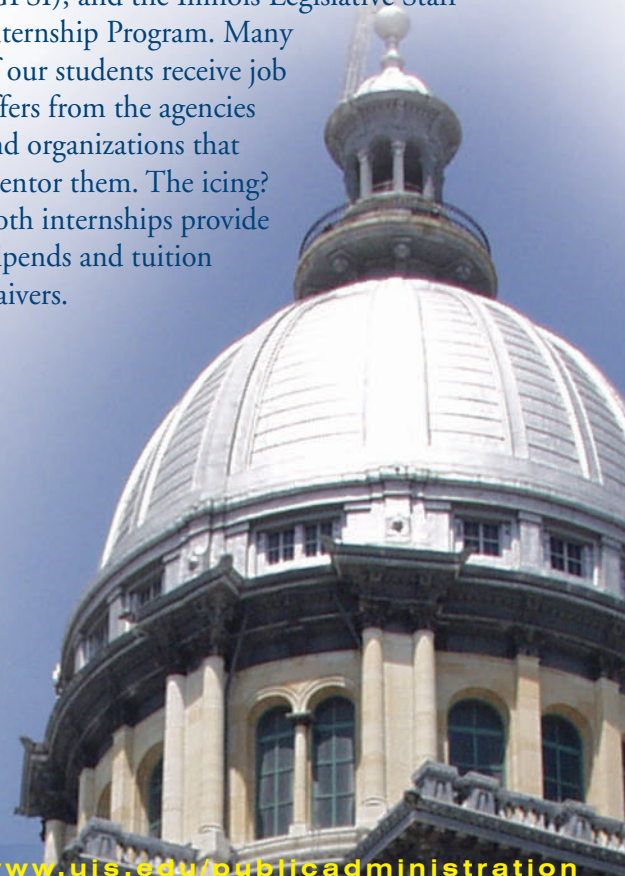
Our graduates hold executive, fiscal and administrative upper and middle management positions in local, state and federal agencies. They are also state level legislators, police and fire chiefs, and directors of nonprofit organizations. Some students go on to earn advanced degrees – doctorates in public administration or public health, law degrees, and more.

## Recent employers include:

*City of Springfield, IL*  
*State of Illinois*  
*U.S. Government*  
*Iowa Department of Public Health*  
*Wisconsin State Government*  
*Illinois Community Action Association*  
*Springfield Urban League, Inc.*  
*Big Brother, Big Sister of Sangamon County*

## Study public administration where it happens.

There is no substitute for being in the state capital. You'll learn from the pros through our outstanding internship programs - the Graduate Public Service Internship Program (GPSI), and the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program. Many of our students receive job offers from the agencies and organizations that mentor them. The icing? Both internships provide stipends and tuition waivers.





Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the master of public administration program offers professional graduate education. The program works with many elements of state government and nonprofit management to integrate academic and experiential components in the educational process.

**Faculty** Beverly Bunch, Tansu Demir, Jung Wook Lee, Will Miller, Patrick Mullen, Brent Never, Anthony Sisneros

**Emeritus faculty** Phillip Gregg, Randolph Kucera, Naomi B. Lynn, Lon Mackelprang, Kenneth Oldfield, A. Wayne Penn, Ronald Sakolsky

**Adjunct faculty** Owen Dratler, John Hartnett

## The Master of Public Administration

The M.P.A. curriculum is designed to impart knowledge and skills essential to meet pressing public problems and to be successful in professional and administrative employment in public and nonprofit sectors. The knowledge and skills address understanding of administrative, legal, political processes, organizational structures, and the context of public sector and nonprofit organizations; the development of leadership capabilities; and the knowledge of state government and nonprofit management in Illinois.

In addition to the 40-hour M.P.A. degree, the program offers a 48-hour concentration in criminal justice. Also, the public administration (M.P.A.) degree program and the public health (M.P.H.) degree program have established a joint degree.

## Entrance Requirements

Applicants to the M.P.A. program are not required to provide GRE or GMAT scores. However, for full admission to the program students must show completion of the following prerequisites. A grade of C (2.00) or better must have been earned for each undergraduate course used to meet these prerequisites. Students lacking these prerequisites may be given Conditional Admission, and then have 12 months to complete the missing prerequisites.

## Prerequisites

- one undergraduate political science course in American government;
- one undergraduate descriptive/inferential statistics course, completed within five years of intended entry into the program;
- one undergraduate course in microeconomics or a market economics survey course (other than macroeconomics);
- competence in a computer spreadsheet application package, such as LOTUS or EXCEL.

## M.P.A. Curriculum

PAD 501 Introduction to the Profession	4 hrs
PAD 502 Organization Dynamics	4 hrs
PAD 503 Analytical Tools	4 hrs
PAD 504 Budget and Finance	4 hrs
PAD 505 Human Resource Management	4 hrs
PAD 571 Capstone Seminar	4 hrs
Electives	16 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 hrs</b>

## Criminal Justice Concentration ONLY

Students in the M.P.A. criminal justice (CRJ) concentration earn a total of 48 credits to complete the M.P.A. degree. In addition to the M.P.A. core and capstone courses (24 credit hours), students in the CRJ concentration complete 24 hours of additional courses. CRJ electives are described in the criminal justice department section of the catalog Web site ([uis.edu/uiscatalog](http://uis.edu/uiscatalog)). Students should consult with a criminal justice faculty adviser before selecting their CRJ electives.

PAD electives	8 hrs
CRJ 500-level electives	16 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 hrs</b>

For more information call (217) 206-6301

*NOTE: CJ concentration not available online.*

## M.P.A.-M.P.H. Joint Degree

Application to the M.P.A.-M.P.H. joint degree involves meeting entrance requirements for each academic organization. The articulation agreement allows a student to complete a joint degree with a total of 68 credit hours, compared to a total of 88 for the two majors separately. Students pursuing this joint degree will be required to complete an appropriate closure exercise in each of the two degree organizations. Upon completion, one diploma will be granted. The two major fields will be specified on the transcript.

## Online M.P.A. Degree

Students may also consider applying to the M.P.A. Online program. Identical in content to the M.P.A. on-campus program, online offers yet another option for the professional seeking a graduate degree in Public Administration. For more information, contact the M.P.A. Online Coordinator, Gael Carnes at (217) 206-6310, or e-mail her at [gcarn2@uis.edu](mailto:gcarn2@uis.edu).

## Visit our Web site for more information on

- M.P.A. Entrance Requirements
- M.P.A. Application Form
- Graduate Certificate in the Management of Nonprofit Organizations (not available online)
- Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Labor Relations
- M.P.A. Online program
- Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security

## To view course descriptions

[www.uis.edu/uiscatalog](http://www.uis.edu/uiscatalog)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Web site

[www.uis.edu/publicadministration](http://www.uis.edu/publicadministration)

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bachelor's, 20 master's, and the Doctorate of Public Administration. The university has a special mission in public affairs and is known for extraordinary internships, extensive online offerings, and a commitment to engaging students in the community and the world. Enrollment is 4,855 (fall 2007).

