

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION **online**

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.

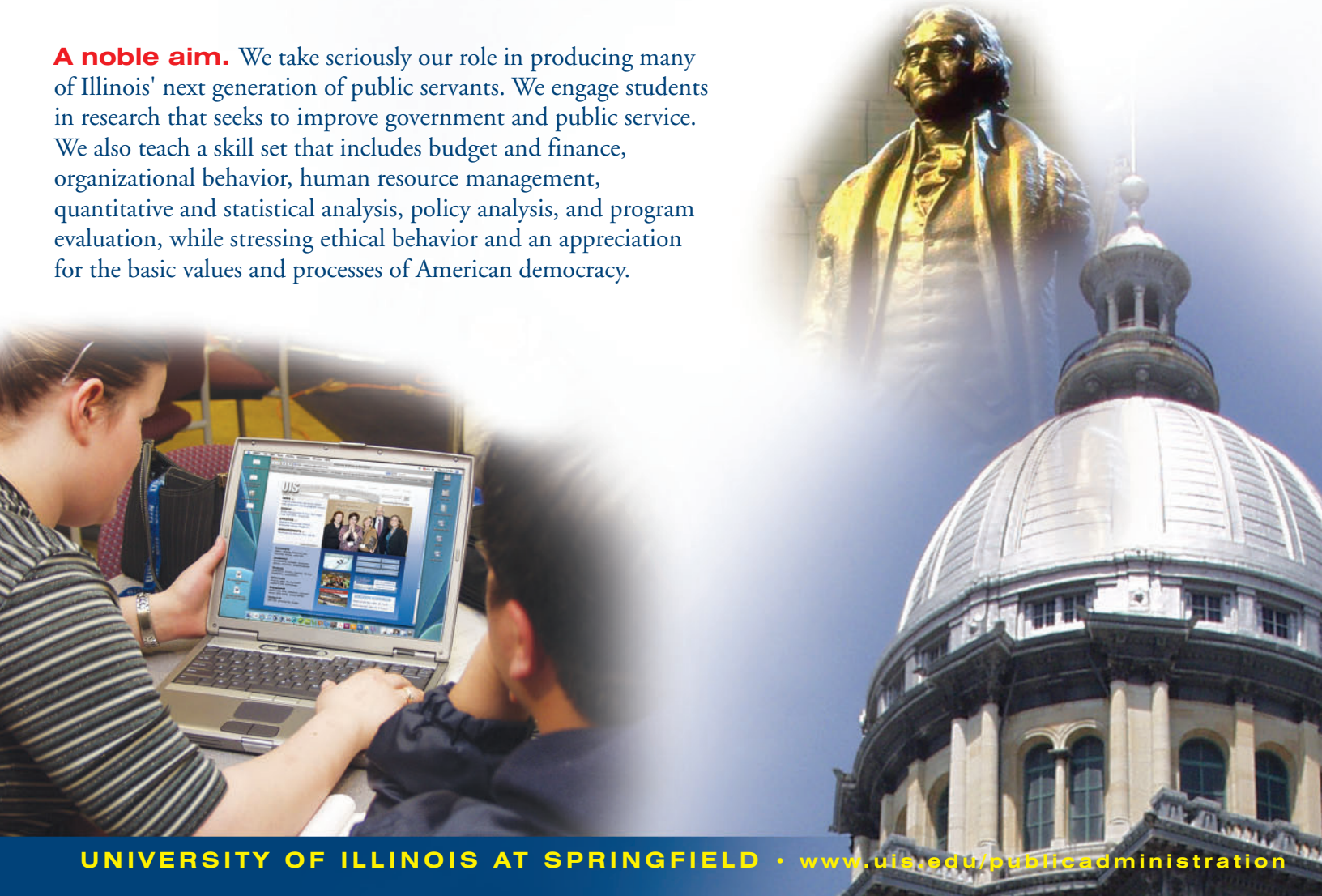
A noble aim. We take seriously our role in producing many of Illinois' next generation of public servants. We engage students in research that seeks to improve government and public service. We also teach a skill set that includes budget and finance, organizational behavior, human resource management,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

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





There are real advantages to the M.P.A. Online that other distance-learning programs don't provide. Most of our courses are taught by the same full-time instructors who teach on campus, not adjuncts. And most importantly, when a student earns an M.P.A., the degree is awarded by the University of Illinois at Springfield, a regionally accredited institution of national renown. To add prestige, UIS was awarded the 2007 Excellence in Institution-Wide Online Teaching & Learning Programming by the Sloan-C Foundation. This means not only will you receive your degree from a nationally recognized online program, you will receive the technical and scholarly support to guarantee that your educational quest is an enjoyable one.

While the 40-hour MPA degree follows the same curriculum as the on-campus program, there are a few notable exceptions. A certificate in Nonprofit Management, Labor Relations and Homeland Security are not offered online, nor is the concentration in Criminal Justice. However, beginning in the spring, the joint-degree in MPA/MPH is available through our online program or through Public Health.

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

Entrance Requirements

Applicants to the M.P.A. online 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
Total	40 hrs

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 programs allow at 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.

How to Apply

Application for admission to MPA online mirrors the process for on-campus admission, requiring two separate application submissions.

- 1) To Apply to the University of Illinois at Springfield, the following are needed:
 - Completion of a UIS graduate application form for U.S. Residents or International Students.
<http://www.uis.edu/admissions/applyNow.html>;
 - Transcript verifying a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
 - Submission of transcripts for all graduate work taken beyond the bachelor's degree;
 - TOEFL score of 575 for those who speak English as a second language; and
 - A fee of \$50.00 for domestic applicants, \$60.00 fee for international.
- 2) Apply to the MPA Program by providing:
 - Completed MPA application form found at <http://www.uis.edu/UIScatalog/>;
 - Evidence of fulfillment of program prerequisites ;

- Resume; and
- Statement of at least 300 words describing your career goals, particularly what you would contribute to the program, and how the MPA program would enhance your professional development.

Students seeking to enter online are encouraged to apply before March 1, as spaces are limited. Contact the online coordinator regarding spring admission, which is conducted on an "if available" basis. The deadline for spring admission applications is October 31 of the previous fall semester.

Visit our Web site for more information on

- M.P.A. Application Form
- M.P.A. Entrance Requirements
- Faculty
- Curriculum

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