



LOS ANGELES PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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, non-profit organizations, and public works.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students are equipped to pursue in-demand careers in the field of public administration in both government and non-governmental organizations, including nonprofit organizations. Potential employers include local, county, or state government; non-governmental organizations; nonprofit organizations; or public works agencies.

Highlights

- A focus on the knowledge and skills for effective leadership in a variety of organizational settings
- A practical blend of theory and real-world application of relevant principles
- Evaluation of decision-making processes using biblical concepts and values-based ethics
- Graduates leave prepared for leadership careers in multiple fields, or to continue with doctoral studies

At A Glance

Program Credits

Core Courses: **36**

Total Credits to Graduate: **36**

Cost Per Credit:

\$680

COURSEWORK

This program features 12 courses at three credits each to total 36 credits. Each course meets for eight weeks. The graduate student typically takes one course at a time completing two courses each semester. For more information, please visit: lapu.edu/program/public-administration-mpa/



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:

Major Core Requirements 36 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
	PUBA 600 Public Administration Program Evaluation	3
	PUBA 690 Graduate Public Administration Capstone	3

There are no prerequisite requirements for the program

Total	36 credits
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