

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, M.P.A.

Juneau, e-Learning

The master program in public administration provides a strong interdisciplinary context in which to pursue the study of policy formation, implementation, and administration.

Application Requirements

Admission to the Master of Public Administration degree requires the following:

1. Mandatory advising with the M.P.A. Coordinator
2. A completed online application at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>
3. \$60 application fee
4. Official academic transcript indicating baccalaureate degree sent directly to UAS
5. Professional resume or vita
6. Two page (approximately 1,000 words) statement of professional objectives describing past public, non-profit, and/or administrator experiences, outlining professional goals and stating how the M.P.A. program will help achieve your professional objectives
7. Three recommendations addressing professional dispositions on special forms provided by the UAS M.P.A. program

Items 1-7 are required for a complete application file. If you wish, you may submit any other documentation which you feel is relevant. Items 4 and 5 may be submitted by e-mail. See Graduate Study – Admissions for more information.

Candidates for the Master of Public Administration degree must satisfy all University graduate degree requirements in this catalog as well as the specific program requirements in this section. A minimum of 36 approved credits is required for the degree, in addition to evidence of practical experience in public or non-profit administration.

In order to permit students to pursue individual interests, a limited substitution of required courses is possible. Course substitutions must be approved by the student's advisor and the program chair. The student's approved program of study is reflected in the Application for Advancement to Candidacy.

Requirement	Hours
Minimum Credit Hours	36

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
PADM S601	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PADM S604	Applied Research Methods	3
PADM S614	Public Policy and Accountability	3
PADM S616	Leadership and Ethics	3
PADM S622	Human Resources and Organizational Development	3
PADM S628	Public Financial Management	3

PADM S688	Program Evaluation	3
PADM S690	Public Administration Capstone	3
Advisor Approved Electives		12

¹ To qualify for graduation from the M.P.A. program, students must complete the Capstone course with a grade of B or higher.

Upon completion, students will be able to:

1. lead and manage in the public interest;
2. participate in, and contribute to, the policy process;
3. analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make evidence-informed decisions in a complex and dynamic environment;
4. articulate, apply, and advance a public service perspective;
5. communicate and interact productively and in culturally responsive ways with a diverse and changing workforce and society at large.