



Northeastern University

College of Arts and Sciences

Online Master of Public Administration

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Offered through the College of Arts and Science's Political Science Department, the online Master of Public Administration (MPA) is part of Northeastern University's existing on-campus MPA program, founded in 1969. Designed to integrate theoretical foundations with practical skills, the MPA covers the analytical, conceptual, and practical competencies needed for management careers in the public, nonprofit, or private sectors. Students in the online MPA program may opt to take all courses online or take some courses online and others at Northeastern University's campus in Boston, Massachusetts.

STUDENTS

MPA students maintain a high level of achievement in professional and academic efforts and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in public service. Most candidates for the MPA program come with a background in the social sciences or relevant professional experience. However, applications from fields such as engineering, law, the physical and natural sciences, and business are not uncommon. Graduates typically work in local, state, and federal agencies; international institutions; nonprofit organizations; and private sector institutions.

FACULTY

Program faculty include professors at Northeastern University as well as professionals in the public administration field. Areas of faculty expertise include policy analysis, budgeting, organizational design, U.S. government, and public law, as well as a variety of substantive policy areas.

CURRICULUM

Graduates of the MPA must successfully complete 42 semester hours of credit in a prescribed curriculum. Coursework is divided between 24 credits in eight required courses, referred to as the “core,” and 18 credits in six elective courses, designed to meet a student’s individual academic and professional goals. Students without sufficient professional experience are required to complete an internship as one of their electives.

Required core courses:

- Quantitative Techniques
- Techniques of Policy Analysis
- Public Personnel Administration
- Organizational Theory and Management
- Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- Economic Institutions and Analysis
- Institutional Leadership and the Public Manager
- Capstone in Public Administration

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the National Association for Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Northeastern University’s MPA meets the highest standards in curriculum, faculty, and student support for professional public administration graduate programs.

ADMISSION

Admission to the MPA program is on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. All applications must be submitted online to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at www.northeastern.edu/cas/graduate. Additional application materials should be mailed to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at 124 Meserve Hall, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

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Northeastern University Online offers the flexibility and convenience of online and blended courses that meet the high academic standards of Northeastern University. Over 65 programs, degrees, and certificates are offered by various colleges at Northeastern. Each college is unique and offers a range of high-quality online programs within their area of expertise. Since 1974, Northeastern has been providing high-quality, flexible distance education designed for busy students.

The Northeastern University Advantage

Three general themes underlie our efforts to help students develop and sharpen their skills and capacities for a career in public service or in the nonprofit sector.

- We make every effort to provide students with effective and relevant instruction in a curriculum that integrates theoretical foundations with practical skills. In turn, we expect students to extend every effort in their courses to meet high standards of academic excellence.
- Our program is directed toward defining and developing analytical, conceptual and practical competencies. Practicing public administrators among our adjunct faculty and student body provide linkages with all levels of government, permitting us a unique opportunity to maintain a high level of professional relevance.
- Finally, we strive to emphasize the “public” dimension of public administration. We view ourselves as being distinct from the private sector, motivated first by ethical and democratic imperatives to serve the public interest. Throughout the program’s curriculum and activities, we reiterate and focus upon our public responsibilities.



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