



ONLINE

# MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**DISCOVER AN ONLINE PROGRAM THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOU INTO AN AUTHENTIC AND EFFECTIVE LEADER IN THE PUBLIC OR NONPROFIT SPHERE**

The online M.A. in Public Administration offers broad-based training and comprehensive skills that prepare you to serve as an authentic and ethical leader in a demanding field.

The program is ideal both for public administration professionals seeking to advance as well as those interested in a career change — *no experience in public administration is necessary.*

## **GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT PERSPECTIVES**

Coursework in this affordable and convenient program incorporates perspectives from both government and nonprofit sectors, reflecting the frequent interaction between the two as they address the challenges of populations in need. You will learn to

- Handle constantly changing circumstances and complex strategic decisions
- Build alliances among and within organizations
- Analyze the effects of public policies and laws
- Lead through respectful and responsive communications
- Act ethically and with accountability

The online M.A. in Public Administration can be completed in two years



## A CATALYST FOR YOUR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CAREER

This affordable program curriculum develops three crucial competencies for public service and nonprofit leaders: Managerial analysis, leadership, and ethical service. You will learn to

- Apply quantitative analysis and economic theory
- Handle challenging circumstances and complex strategic decisions
- Develop alliances among and within organizations
- Analyze the effects of public policies and laws
- Lead through respectful and responsive communications
- Act ethically and with accountability
- Make an impact and lead organizational improvement

### A DEGREE WITH CAREER DIVERSITY

The skills you gain in the program can be applied toward a wide variety of roles and organizations in the public, nonprofit, and even private sectors.

These include

- Local, state, and federal government agencies and offices
- Foundations, charities, and NGOs
- Government consultants

### UPHOLD THE SAINT MARY'S TRADITION

Saint Mary's University has a tradition of programs that focus on helping underserved populations. The online Master of Arts in Public Administration continues that tradition with a curriculum that combines perspectives and processes from both government agencies and nonprofit organizations — sectors that often rely on each other to make sure the needs of all community members are being met.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The program consists of 12 classes for a total of 36 credits. Students choose between a focus on government or nonprofit for finance and HR classes. Other classes incorporate both areas of public administration.

### Required Courses — 36 credits

MAPA 600 Public and Nonprofit Administration.....	3 cr.
MAPA 605 Leading with Effective Communications .....	3 cr.
MAPA 610 Leading in Diverse Public Environments .....	3 cr.
MAPA 615 Community Engagement and Partnerships.....	3 cr.
MAPA 620 Managing Public Finances .....	3 cr.*
MAPA 625 Fund Development and Nonprofit Financial Management .....	3 cr.*
MAPA 630 Public Human Resource Management.....	3 cr.*
MAPA 635 Nonprofit Human Resource Management.....	3 cr.*
MAPA 640 Critical and Design Thinking .....	3 cr.
MAPA 645 Effective Strategic Management .....	3 cr.
MAPA 650 The Practice of Ethics.....	3 cr.
MAPA 655 Principles of Policy .....	3 cr.
MAPA 660 Inquiry and Data Analysis .....	3 cr.
MAPA 690 Capstone: Integrating the Capacities .....	3 cr.

For current degree requirements, visit the Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Course Catalog at <https://catalog.smumn.edu>.

*\*Students will choose a human resource management and financial management course based on whether they prefer a government or nonprofit focus for these topics.*



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