

Public Administration

Public Administration students at NC State are prepared for a career in public service. They will develop the leadership tools and knowledge they need to serve, manage and lead public or nonprofit organizations or to conduct cutting-edge academic research.

Master's Degree Requirements

The mission of the MPA program is to develop principled and skilled public service professionals who fulfill leadership roles within governmental and nonprofit organizations. We focus on practical and problem-solving skills and emphasize public service values -- including efficiency, effectiveness, equity and accountability. To accomplish this mission, the MPA program offers elective coursework in public management, nonprofit management, urban management, financial management, organizational leadership, public policy and justice administration. Additional details can be found on the MPA webpage (<https://spia.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/mpa/>).

The MPA degree requires the completion of 42 graduate credit hours:

- 24 credit hours of core coursework
- 18 credit hours of elective coursework
- Students lacking the equivalent of one year of full-time public service experience must complete a 3 credit hour internship as part of their elective coursework.

Prerequisites for the program are an undergraduate course in microeconomics and statistics (equivalent to ST 311) course. Students who do not have one or both of these prerequisite courses must successfully complete equivalent coursework prior to graduation.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

The Ph.D. in Public Administration program provides students with a strong foundation for teaching and research positions. It is led by a faculty recognized nationally for its research productivity. Additional details can be found on the Ph.D. in Public Administration webpage (<https://spia.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/phd-pa/>).

The Ph.D. degree requires the completion of 72 graduate credit hours:

- 18 credit hours of transfer credits from a relevant master's degree
- 27 credit hours of core coursework
- 6 credit hours of management specialization coursework
- 9 credit hours of elective coursework
- 12 credit hours of dissertation research

Student Financial Support

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

A limited number of one-year graduate assistantship positions are offered by the Department of Public Administration for full-time fall applicants. Applicants interested in begin considered for an MPA assistantship must submit a completed application by the Feb. 1 deadline.

PhD in Public Administration

All admitted full-time PhD applicants will be awarded a graduate assistantship position within the Department.

Other Relevant Information

The Department of Public Administration also offers Graduate Certificates in Policy Analysis and Nonprofit Management, either of which can be taken alone or in conjunction with a graduate degree.

Public Administration Program Website (<https://spia.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/mpa/>)

Applicant Information

Public Administration (MR)

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

Public Administration (PhD)

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** GRE
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

Public Administration (MR)

- **Fall:** Priority Deadline: Feb. 1; Final Deadline: March 1 for international applicants, May 15 for domestic applicants
- **Spring:** Final Deadline: Oct. 1 for international applicants, Nov. 1 for domestic applicants

Public Administration (PhD)

- **Fall:** Priority Deadline: Feb. 1; Final Deadline: March 1 for international applicants, March 15 for domestic applicants

Degrees

- Public Administration (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/public-administration/public-administration-mr/>)
- Public Administration (PhD) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/public-administration/public-administration-phd/>)
- Public Administration (Minor) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/public-administration/public-administration-minor/>)
- Nonprofit Management (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/public-administration/nonprofit-management-certificate/>)
- Policy Analysis (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/public-administration/policy-analysis-certificate/>)

Faculty

Full Professors

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