

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



GRADUATE STUDIES



Program Description

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) prepares students for administrative positions in the public and not-for-profit sectors. It is designed for those who have significant experience as well as those with little to no prior work experience. Select from two concentrations – Public Leadership & Management or Environmental Policy & Planning. This is the region's only distance (online) MPA program professionally accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/departments/pspa/pubadminmpa/>

Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- One of the following:
 - Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Total points 100 or higher: $(\text{GPA} \times 18) + (\text{average percentile rankings verbal \& quantitative for GRE})$
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT): Total points 100 or higher $(\text{GPA} \times 18) + \text{MAT percentile rank for intended major}$
 - Graduate degree from regionally accredited institution
- MPA supplemental application
- Three reference rating forms from persons qualified to judge the applicants academic and professional potential
- Letter of application/Statement of career goals, less than 2 pages
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

Application Deadlines

Fall – May 1
Spring October 1

Coursework Prerequisites

- 15 credits in social sciences or business, including 3 hours in quantitative skills

Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
Tuition and Fees	\$6,720	\$23,412
Books and Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room and Board	\$9,672	\$9,672
Estimated Total Cost	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour. The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour.

Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring). For more details, visit: fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies

Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 36-39 Credit Hours

Core Courses (24-27 credits)

- PAD 6060 Introduction to Public Administration (3)
- PAD 6101 Organizational Theory & Behavior (3)
- PAD 6227 Public Budgeting (3)
- PAD 6327 Sem in Program Plan & Evaluation (3)
- PAD 6365 Public Policy (3)
- PAD 6417 Public Personnel Administration (3)
- PAD 6708 Research Methods & Analysis (3)
- PAD 6940 Internship (3)*
- PAD 6961 Capstone Seminar (3)

*Course can be waived for students with one year or more of professional experience, as determined by the MPA Admissions Committee.

Contact Information

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Concentration Requirements (12 credit)

Students are required to declare a concentration when applying for admissions to the MPA program.

Public Leadership and Management Concentration

Select 12 hours from the following:

- PAD 5041 Administrative Ethics (3)
- PAD 5142 Mgmt of Nonprofit Org (3)
- PAD 5933 Proposal Writing & Grant Admin (3)
- PAD 6136 Public Mgmt in Political Envi (3)
- PAD 6205 Public Finance (3)
- PAD 6335 Strategic Planning (3)
- PAD 6434 Administrative Leadership (3)
- PAD 6605 Administrative Law (3)
- PAD 6812 State & Local Politics & Admin (3)
- PAD 6826 Intergovernmental Admin (3)
- PAD 6836 Comparative Public Admin (3)
- PAD 6908 Independent Study (1-6)
- PAD 6934 Special Topics (3)

Environmental Policy and Planning Concentration

Select 12 hours from the following:

- EVS 6937 Environmental Policy (3)
- PAD 5255 Community/Economic Development (3)
- PAD 5356 Environmental Policy & Ethics (3)
- PAD 5620 Environmental Law (3)
- PAD 6353 Environmental Governance (3)
- PAD 6908 Independent Study (1-6)
- PAD 6934 Special Topics (3)
- URP 5312 Growth Mgmt & Comp Planning (3)
- URP 5316 Land-Use Planning (3)

Note: Courses outside of those listed above may be substituted on a case-by-case basis, with approval.

~Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog.
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