## Master of

The MPA is an accredited program designed to ensure students become proficient in the knowledge, skills, and ethical values needed to become effective managers of public and non-profit sector agencies.

MPA students are well-suited for careers such as:

- Town Administration
- City and County Management
- **Budget and Fiscal Analysis**
- Nonprofit Management
- Criminal Justice Professional
- Policy Development and Evaluation
- **Economic Development**



### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Appalachian State University MPA program is to educate and prepare in-service and pre-service students to be ethical public service leaders by fostering foundational knowledge, analytical and practical skills, and professional networks. To achieve this mission, our MPA program will:

- Deliver a curriculum that reflects core disciplinary content and public service values, and provides flexibility for student specialization
- Develop collaborative relationships across the university and with local governments, non-profit organizations and criminal justice agencies in the region and state
- Promote high-quality faculty teaching, scholarship and service
- Sustain and enhance the program's governance, resources and established strengths

### **Admission Requirements**

#### Completed application to the Graduate School, including:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official general GRE or GMAT exam scores

### **Additional Information**

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Graduate School Website: www.graduate.appstate.edu





# MPA Degree Requirements

#### 42 Credit Hours

### Required Courses + Internship (27 hours)

- PA/CJ 5000: Research Methods (3)
- PA 5060: Seminar in Public Administration (3)
- PA 5180: Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3)
- PA 5260: Organization Theory and Behavior (3)
- Internship for Pre-Service Students:
  - PA/CJ 5900: Internship in Public Administration (3 + 3 or 6)

- PA 5360: Public Personnel Administration (3)
- PA 5460: Budgeting and Fiscal Administration (3)
- PA 5558: Capstone Research (1)
- PA 5559: Capstone in Public Administration (2)

#### Field Research Option for In-Service Students

- PA 5010: Field Based Research (3)
- One additional graduate course (3)

### **Concentration (15 hours)**

OR

#### Administration of Justice

6 credits of graduate courses chosen from the following:

- CJ 5060: Administration of Justice (3)
- CJ 5660: Crime, Theory, and Policy (3)
- CJ 5670: Crime Analysis and Criminal Justice Planning (3)

6 credits of Criminal Justice (CJ) graduate courses

Plus an additional 3 credits of graduate elective courses

### Not-For-Profit Management

9 credits of graduate courses chosen from the following:

- PA 5270: Not-For-Profit Organizations (3)
- PA 5271: Grants Strategies and Preparation (3)
- PA 5665: Public Management (3)

Plus 6 credit hours of graduate courses in consultation with the MPA Director, including 3 credit hours of graduate elective coursework from outside the program.

### **Public Management**

15 credits hours of graduate courses in consultation with the MPA Director, including 3 credits of graduate elective courses from outside the program

#### Town, City and County Management

- P A 5461 Public Financial Management (3)
- PA 5560: Local Government Administration (3)
- A graduate-level course in Planning (3)

Plus 6 credit hours of graduate courses in consultation with the MPA Director