

# Master of Public Administration

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, and
- 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

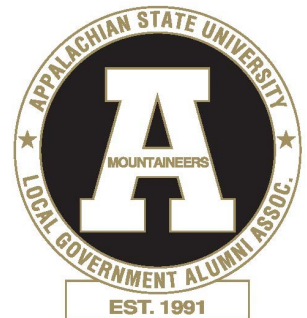
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# ***MPA Degree Requirements***

***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)
- 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)

### **Internship for Pre-Service Students:**

- PA/CJ 5900: Internship in Public Administration (3 + 3 or 6)

**OR**

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

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

## **Concentration (15 hours)**

### ***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***

9 credits of graduate courses chosen from the following:

- GHY/PLN 5400: Planning Theory and Process (3)
- PS 5330: Problems in State and Local Government (3)
- PA 5560: Local Government Administration (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