

Who Should Earn an MPA?

The Master of Public Administration degree is the recognized professional degree in public administration.

It enhances the administrative knowledge and skills of those already employed as professionals in government, nonprofit organizations and firms that deal extensively with government.

The JMU MPA Program in Roanoke will be delivered entirely at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. Most classes will be taught through videoconferencing, and faculty will make occasional trips to Roanoke to meet with students.

This cohort-based program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals and takes only 26 months to complete.



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Master of Public
Administration



Second Cohort beginning Spring

Roanoke Higher
Education Center

MPA Program in Roanoke

The JMU Master of Public Administration degree requires 36 credit-hours of coursework for “in-service” students, those presently employed or recently employed in a substantive position in the public sector. The curriculum enables students to function effectively in the public and nonprofit sectors. Students will learn concepts and skills relevant to public organizations, public management, human resources, policy evaluation, budgeting and administrative law.

The Roanoke Program will offer students a concentration in Public and Nonprofit Management. This concentration will provide relevant training for local government and nonprofit employees.

Students who do not have a significant professional work background in a public administration work setting are expected to complete a supervised internship with a public or nonprofit agency, which will add 6 credits to the program.



Curriculum

PUAD 571: Public Financial Management*	Summer 2009
PUAD 572: Governance and Nonprofit Organizations*	Summer 2009
PUAD 641: Public Budgeting	Fall 2009
PUAD 515: Legal Environment of Public Administration	Fall 2009
PUAD 512: Intergovernmental Relations	Spring 2010
PUAD 573: Economic and Community Development*	Spring 2010
PUAD 625: Public Organizational Behavior	Summer 2010
PUAD 505: Research Methods	Summer 2010
PUAD620: Politics of the Administrative Process	Fall 2010
PUAD 606: Program Evaluation	Fall 2010
PUAD 630: Human Resources Management	Spring 2011
PUAD 692: MPA Capstone	Spring 2011
PUAD 696: Internship (as required)	Summer 2011

*Concentration in Public & Nonprofit Management

To Apply

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum requirements for entry to the MPA program are:

- Applicants must take the general GRE or GMAT examination (see <http://www.gre.org/generalreg.html#computer> or <http://www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT>).
- Applicants should have no scores that place them below the 25th percentile and at least one score should place above the 50th percentile.
- Applicants should have taken at least one college-level course in statistics and one in American government.
- Applicants should have at least a 2.5 undergraduate GPA with a 2.8 GPA in the major.

You may enroll in MPA courses as a nondegree seeking student before you meet the minimum admissions requirements, on a space available basis. These courses may be applied to the MPA degree upon your acceptance to the program.

APPLICATION:

Please contact JMU Outreach & Engagement at www.jmu.edu/outreach or 540-568-4253, and they will direct you to either the graduate or nondegree seeking student application, whichever is appropriate.

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions about the MPA program or curriculum, please contact Gary Kirk at kirkgr@jmu.edu or (540)568-3768.

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