

The Master of Public Administration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is designed to provide working professionals the knowledge and skills needed for leadership positions at the federal, state or municipal level. The degree is offered in both a face-to-face and online format through California State University, San Bernardino.

Students in the program will develop a global understanding of the field's theory and research methods, while exploring topics such as results-oriented management practice, human resources management, budgeting, finance, administrative law and public policy. Individual learning objectives can be customized through electives ranging from acquisition management, administrative leadership, intergovernmental affairs, project management, program evaluation, nonprofit management, among others. A special emphasis is also available in Tribal Management and Governance.

"My degree from CSUSB really paid off. I was able to turn an internship into a full time job and eventually became City Manager!"

Joseph Hughes, Highland City Manager

"The MPA is a great way to gain a broad-based understanding of public administration and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for leadership positions in local government."

Deanna Lorson, Managing Director, Riverside County Economic Development Agency.

The Faculty

The MPA faculty is a blend of nationally renowned academicians, researchers and practitioners with solid credentials and impressive professional experience. Instructors in the program include:

Montgomery Van Wart, Ph.D., professor and department chair of Public Administration, has over 25 years of experience in higher education administration. He has authored over 50 publications including 7 books. His areas of expertise include leadership, human resource management, ethics, regulation, and public management.

David L. Baker, Ph.D., assistant professor of public administration, has three decades of local government executive experience in three California counties. His research and teaching interests include budget and finance, human resources and organizational behavior.

Chuck Christie, Ph.D., professor, is an expert on local government administration and human resource management.

Michael Clarke, Ph.D., professor of public administration, is a leading expert on public labor relations. Dr. Clarke has also published in the fields of environmental and industrial regulations.

Guenther G. Kress, Ph.D., professor of public administration. Dr. Kress's areas of specialization related to his publications and teaching include program evaluation, organizational management issues, outcome assessments and the application of public policy.

Audrey L. Mathews, D.P.A., professor of public administration, has served as deputy director of the Office of Budget for the District of Columbia and has written on issues of diversity in public organizations. She is a National Academy of Public Administration fellow.

Anna Ni, Ph.D., assistant professor, is a graduate of the Maxwell School of Public Management at Syracuse University, and specializes in information technology and public policy.

Joely Proudfit, Ph.D., associate professor, is an expert on tribal management and tribal governance.

Clifford Young, D.P.A., professor of public administration, has extensive experience in government relations. Dr. Young has written on methodology and the assessment of learning in Web-based environments.

The Cal State San Bernardino Advantage

You have choices in graduate education programs, so what separates this program from others? The benefits of the CSUSB MPA program include:

- Face-to-face and online options;
- Tuition and fees that are among the lowest in the U.S.;
- Online instruction that is media-rich and has dedicated technical support;
- Accreditation by NASPAA and AACSB;
- Numerous management electives, as well as special electives in tribal management and defense acquisition.

“The MPA program is state of the art in distance learning in how it integrates expert faculty, technology, and media enhancement. The media enhancement in our program is currently the best in the country.”



Monty Van Wart, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Administration, California State University, San Bernardino
Dr. Van Wart's most recent book, *Dynamics of Leadership in Public Service: Theory and Practice* (ME Sharpe, 2005), was awarded an Outstanding Academic Title in 2005 by *Choice*.

The Online Experience

The online MPA is a student-friendly, convenient, yet high quality graduate study program. It boasts a variety of cutting edge media enhancements including state-of-the-art exhibits, video guest lectures and interactive learning exercises that enrich the learning experience and address individual learning styles. Courses are presented in modules with features such as streaming audio and video, simulations and interactive web pages to facilitate surveys and testing. Virtually all student services are available online, but when needed, live help will be provided by academic specialists at the Cal State San Bernardino campus. A help desk is also accessible to assist with technology issues.

Local students have a two-course residence requirement, which is waived for out-of-area students.

Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the university, specific requirements for admission to classified graduate status are:

- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution.
- A GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 90 quarter or 60 semester units attempted.
- A 250-word typed "Statement of Academic Motivation and Personal Qualifications," stating the reasons for choosing CSUSB and mentioning special honors, skills and abilities.
- A TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 550 and a TWE (Test of Written English) score of 4 for applicants from countries where English is not the native language.

- A combined GPA and GRE score of 2100, computed as follows: (GPA x 400) + GRE (verbal and quantitative score only)

(Or an approved waiver of the GRE)

- Completion of the following prerequisites or their equivalent:

Supply Chain Management (SCM) 210 or Math 305 (statistics)

Public Administration 575 (an internship for pre-service students only)

Completion of the upper division writing requirement, through any 306 writing class with a B or better or satisfactory completion of Writing Requirement Exemption Exam (WREE) with a satisfactory grade.

Curriculum and Calendar

The MPA degree consists of 12 courses—8 core and 4 electives, each consisting of 4 units. In addition, students must complete a comprehensive exam. (A project thesis option is available.)

Core Classes

- Public Administration Theory and Practice
- Research Methods in Public Administration
- Public Finance Management
- Human Resources Management in Public Sector
- Public Budgeting and Finance
- Public Management
- Administrative Regulation
- Public Policy Analysis

Courses are offered on an academic quarter system that includes 10 weeks of instruction and one week for the final exam.



Accreditation

The Cal State San Bernardino MPA program is among 30% of national MPA programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). In addition, the College of Business and Public Administration is among an elite group of business schools that hold accreditation through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International—the hallmark of excellence in management education. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the official accrediting body for institutions of higher learning in the West. Cal State San Bernardino is one of 23 campuses that comprise the largest public university system in the world—the California State University system.



Working in partnership with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), the MPA program has developed two special classes to meet the needs of the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics work force. Through this partnership, DAU provided essential guidance to ensure that those completing the classes satisfy DAWIA Level II certification.



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- Spectacular value
- Greater flexibility
- National quality

