The NASPAA accredited MPA degree at Jacksonville State University allows students to gain valuable skills and knowledge in core competencies required for effective leadership. Our faculty promote the values and ideals of public service to all students. Our program combines a practical and theoretical approach to learning. Through interdisciplinary cooperation, students are able to concentrate their studies in a field that best fits their interests. Our diverse student population allows students to meet and communicate with other students that have a variety of backgrounds.

Our NASPAA accreditation ensures that our Master of Public Administration (MPA) program meets the standards needed to produce effective outcome based results. Whether you are taking courses in a traditional classroom or on-line format, the quality of education is proven to meet high standards.
Why a MPA Degree?

The MPA degree is a flexible degree geared toward professionals working with the public sector and nonprofit organizations. However, many private organizations contract with federal, state or local agencies. Having an understanding of the intersection of public and private sectors is important to a successful career. The MPA program has seven concentrations that allow students to focus on a career path that is best suited to their interests.

The designation of an MPA will immediately set you apart. When employers see MPA after your name, they recognize that you have skills and knowledge that other applicants may lack. This may be the competitive advantage needed to land you a job or promotion.

How long will it take to complete the degree?

The MPA degree at JSU requires 39-40 credit hours. How long it takes will depend on how many credits you take each semester. We offer courses during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.

Concentrations

All students are required to complete 39-40 credit hours. With seven concentrations, students will be able to focus their studies in areas that fit with their career goals! All our concentrations promote the values and ideals of the public good. There are many areas in which the public and private spheres converge. Our students learn skills that allow them to navigate and succeed no matter which sector they choose.

Most classes are offered on campus and online to accommodate student preferences.

- Administrative Management*
- Criminal Justice*
- Education*
- Emergency Management*
- Environmental Science
- Geographical Information Systems*
- Political Science

*100% online availability

Concentration Credits 15-16*

*Education concentration may require an additional 1 credit education course.

Admission Requirements and Costs

The admission requirements and cost can be found at the Office of Graduate Studies website, www.jsu.edu/graduate.

Application deadlines are July 1 for the fall semester, November 1 for the spring semester and April 1 for the summer semester.

Contact

For more information please visit our website, www.jsu.edu/mpa. Here you will find testimonials from alumni, course descriptions and information on faculty and their areas of expertise as well as other useful information.

You can contact the MPA director via email mpa@jsu.edu or call us at (256) 782-5650.