

# MPA DEGREE

The NASPAA accredited MPA degree at Jacksonville State University allows students to gain valuable skills and knowledge in core competencies required for effective leadership. JSU has been named among the best online MPA programs. 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 online format, the quality of education is proven to meet high standards.

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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

## WHY A MPA DEGREE?

The MPA degree is a flexible degree geared towards professionals working with the public sector and non-profit 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 four concentrations: Administrative Management, Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, and Political Science (100% online). These concentrations 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 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



ADMINISTRATIVE  
MANAGEMENT



CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE



EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT



POLITICAL  
SCIENCE

All students are required to complete 39 credit hours. With four 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 hybrid (mostly on campus) and online to accommodate student preferences.**

## SAMPLE CHECKLIST

COURSES	SEMESTER	GRADE
PA 500 FOUNDATIONS OF PA		
PA 501 POLICY ANALYSIS		
PA 502 RESEARCH METHODS		
PA 504 LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS		
PA 531 PUBLIC PERSONNEL		
PA 532 PUBLIC FINANCE		
PA 540 ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY		
PA 546 DIVERSITY IN WORKPLACE		
PA 597 INTERNSHIP IF NEEDED		

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS

The admission requirements and cost can be found at the Office of Graduate Studies website, [www.jsu.edu/graduate](http://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](http://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](mailto:mpa@jsu.edu) or call us at (256) 782-5925.**