

MPA DEGREE

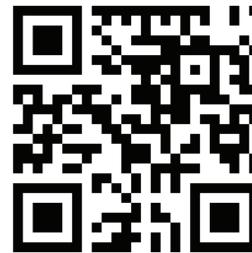
The NASPAA accredited MPA degree at Jacksonville State University allows students to gain valuable skills and knowledge in core competencies required for effective leadership. JSU has been named among the best online MPA programs. Our faculty promote the values and ideals of public service to all students.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

Our NASPAA accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) program has been named one of the best programs (ranked #9) for earning an online masters degree in public administration in 2022.



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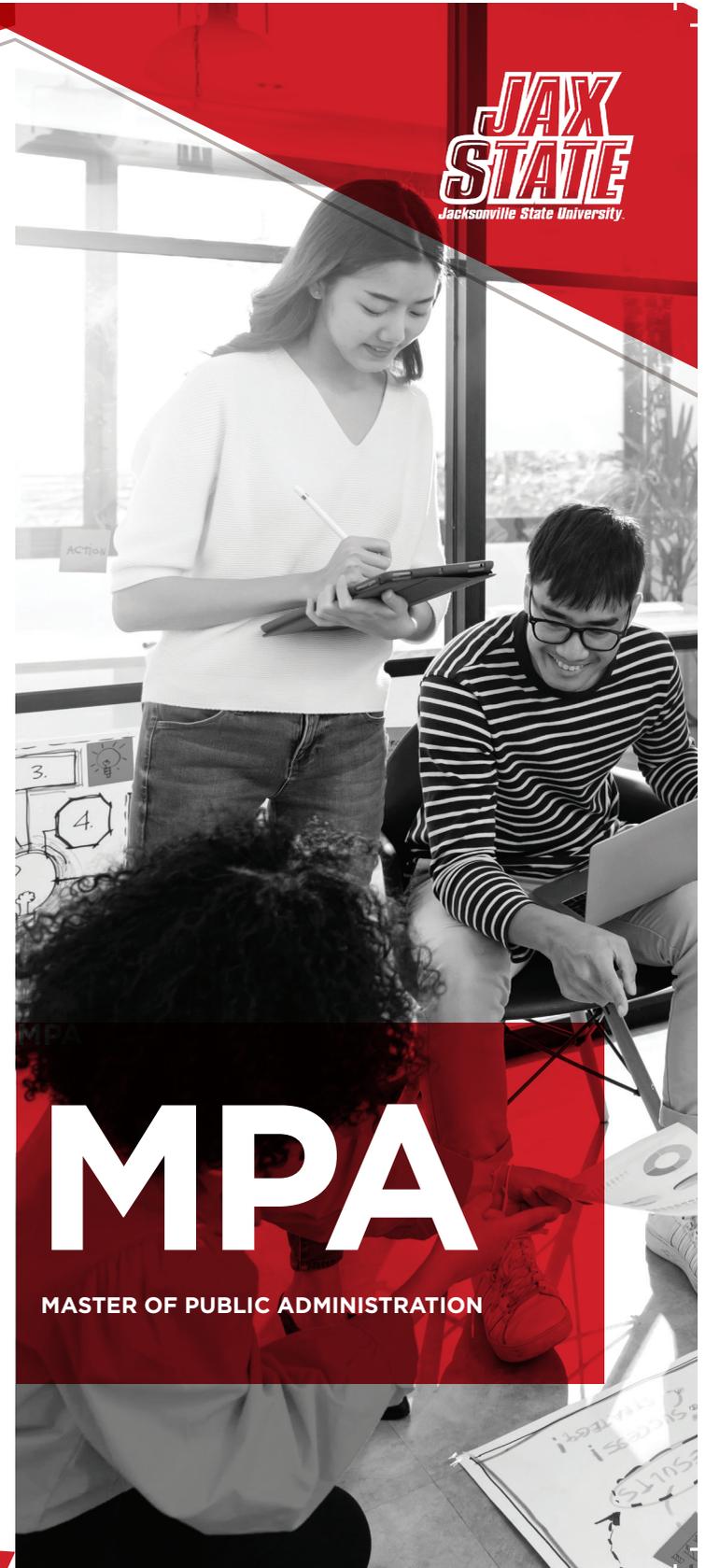
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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION





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 five concentrations: Administrative Management, Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Geographic Information Science and Technology, and Political Science. 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 36 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**



**POLITICAL
SCIENCE**



**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**



**GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY**

All students are required to complete 36 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 5100 FOUNDATIONS OF PA		
PA 5501 POLICY ANALYSIS		
PA 5702 RESEARCH METHODS		
PA 5504 LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS		
PA 5531 PUBLIC PERSONNEL		
PA 5532 PUBLIC FINANCE		
PA 5540 ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY		
PA 5980 CAPSTONE PROJECT		
PA 5957 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.

Applications are accepted year-round.

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) 782-5925.