

Three Campuses

Once admitted to the MPA program, students may take classes on any of the three campuses: the *Public Management Center* in Topeka, the *Edwards Campus* in Overland Park, or the *main campus in Lawrence*. Public Administration faculty teach on all three campuses. With careful planning, it is possible for part-time students to finish the degree by taking all their courses at the *Public Management Center* or *Edwards Campus*, but those students are encouraged to take a class or two on the *Lawrence campus*. At least two courses are usually offered each fall and spring and one class each summer semester at both the Topeka and Overland Park campuses. *All* the core courses are offered each year on the Lawrence campus. Therefore, full-time students take most of their classes on the Lawrence campus, and part-time students can accelerate their program by enrolling in courses on the Lawrence campus.

Join Degrees Offered

For admission to a joint degree program, the student must meet requirements of *both* programs. Dual admission involves submitting separate sets of application materials as required by the respective programs. Complete the MPA application, writing ~ **Internship-Option/Joint Degree** ~ at the top of the form, and contact the KU School of Law (*JD*) or the KU School of Architecture and Urban Design (*MUP*) for their applications.

Public Administration and Law - MPA/JD

The Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctorate joint degree (MPA/JD) is designed for the student who intends to combine career preparations in law and public administration. Examples may be an attorney who may be called upon to perform legal services for a municipality or an administrator who may need to deal with legal issues and interact with the legal profession. The program combines into four years the three-year J.D. degree and the two-year M.P.A. degree. Students in the joint degree program must complete 115 total credit hours: 78 hours in the School of Law and 25 hours in the Department of Public Administration, 12 hours of electives, plus an internship. Students pursuing the joint degree should plan to enroll for four years plus two, and in some instances, three summers.

Public Administration and Urban Planning - MPA/MUP

The Master of Public Administration/Master of Urban Planning (MPA/MUP) joint degree is designed for the student with career goals that center on assuming administrative and management responsibilities in the urban planning and urban affairs areas. It combines into three years the normal course work required for the two-year MPA degree and the two-year MUP degree. The program provides students with experience not only in public policy management, but in management with particular expertise in urban problem resolution.

The Coursework

The master of public administration degree is awarded after successful completion of **37 academic credit hours**. *Internship-option* students receive six credit hours during the second year by attending three week-long professional development seminars while employed in a full-time internship. *Career-option* students may complete a field project report or enroll in two additional graduate courses to fulfill their final six hours. All students must pass a final master's examination.

Required Courses

Public Policy and Administration

Special sections of this course are taught in municipal government, state administration and health care administration. Students choose *one* version of this course which is designed to explore the ways in which public policy is developed and implemented in the public sector, focusing on the role of administration in that process. *3 credit hours*

Public Administration Practicum

Exposes students to day-to-day operational facets of public management through workshops, speakers, exercises. *1 credit hour*

Human Resources Management

Explores the way public sector organizations acquire, allocate and develop labor, and how the employee-employer relationship is established and maintained. Also emphasizes the relationship between civil service personnel systems and larger political systems. *3 credit hours*

Public Finance

Examines the major features and theories of state and local public finance. Drawing primarily from economic, political and public administration theory, the course explores pertinent microeconomic tools and applies them in contexts relevant to state and local decisions makers. Three major areas dominate the course: public revenues, public expenditures, and intergovernmental fiscal relations. *3 credit hours*

Introduction to Quantitative Methods

Introduces quantitative approaches to examine public management and public policy decisions. Concepts of research design, probability, and inferential statistics are

covered. Recommended preparation: basic descriptive statistics. *3 credit hours*

Budget and Policy Analysis

Discusses the methods and political context of policy analysis and the role of budgets in policy making and implementation. Examines public budgeting processes and budgetary decision making. *3 credit hours*

The Role, Context and Ethics of Public Administration in American Society

Provides students with an overview of the social context of public administration with an emphasis on political issues, political history and ethics. *3 credit hours*

Law and Public Management

Investigates major concepts that make up the legal environment of public administration. The accepted uses and procedures of the field, relationships among courts, agencies, the legislature, and basic legal research are examined. *3 credit hours*

Organizational Analysis and Public Management

Explores knowledge of organization theory and administrative behavior to understand and diagnose organizational problems and dynamics in the public sector. *3 credit hours*

Professional Development Seminars

Open only to *internship-option students* with internships, these intensive seminars are designed around issues interns confront in their working relationships. Emphasis is placed on the transition of the student from an academic environment to a professional work relationship. Class sessions deal with issues like employee socialization, power and trust, and administrative change. Prerequisite: completion of all other course requirements for the degree. *6 credit hours*

Field Project Report*

Open only to *career-option students*, this is a major independent research project. Prerequisite: completion of all other course requirements for the degree. *6 credit hours*

**Note: Career-options students may enroll in two additional courses in place of the Field Project Report.*

Elective Courses

Topics in Public Administration: Numerous courses are offered under this title. They are contemporary topics that might be offered one time. *3 credit hours*

Kansas and Its Government - 3 credit hours

Legislative Process - 3 credit hours

Management of Urban Infrastructure - 3 credit hours

Intergovernmental Relations - 3 credit hours

Administrative Ethics - 3 credit hours

Note: The department chair may approve other graduate courses or upper division undergraduate courses that are offered within the university as electives, and may approve transferring up to six graduate credit hours from another university.

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Tuition and Fees

J.D., University of Kansas

Management Skills and Practices, Mediation

Tuition and fees vary by campus, *and are subject to change*. Consult the current *University of Kansas Timetable of Classes* (www.registrar.ku.edu/fees) for official current information. *All rates are subject to change*.

Fall 2003	Resident	Nonresident
Edwards Campus	\$156.05/hr.**	\$419.80/hr.**
Public Management Center	\$156.05/hr.*	\$419.80/hr.*
Lawrence Campus	\$156.05/hr.*	\$419.80/hr.*

*Campus fees: add \$48 per hour for enrollments less than 5 hours, or @\$287 flat rate for more than 5 hours

**Campus fees vary

If you have questions, please call:

Lawrence Campus:

Ray Hummert, (785) 864-9097

Public Management Center

Bev Vogel, (785) 296-2353

Edwards Campus

Financial Aid

Sheri Perry, (913) 897-8400

Scholarships and Fellowships

The Department of Public Administration offers a number of scholarships and fellowships to full-time, intern-option students. There is one scholarship available to an Edwards Campus student and students from the Public Management Center.

Internships

Internship-option students are provided with part-time, paid internships during their first year on campus, gaining valuable experience.

During their second year of studies, *internship-option* students serve in a full-time, paid internship earning about \$30,000.

Grants

Federal grants may be available to full-time minority and low income students. These grants are subject to funding by U.S. Congress and being competitively awarded to colleges and universities.

Student Loans

Both full-time and part-time students may be eligible for student loans. Contact the Financial Aid Office, 33 Strong Hall, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

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66045, call (785) 864-4700 or go online at:
www.ku.edu/~osfa.

What is public service?

- ***Managing with a Conscience***

There are similarities among people who are drawn to public service. Their motives are basically the same: the opportunity to work on something that is important, to be of service, to manage a complex system. There seems to be an idealism present in those who choose public service, and in many ways the attraction to public service is a belief that one can and should be part of a system of institutions designed to have a positive impact on people's lives.

- ***Managing as a Professional***

Government is an institution that meets some of society's most critical needs. The public administrator is there to do things for the *public good*. The public administrator has to balance values that have to do with efficiency and equity. Public administrators not only have to manage the day-to-day tasks of government, but are also expected to be facilitators—to help with community conflicts, to help build consensus, or to struggle and manage in the midst of diversity.

What is public administration?

- ***Building a Better Society***

Public administration is at the heart of living in community. Although it can be found within government, it is not about elections or party politics. It is about managing a community's day-to-day needs and public assets and advising elected officials on policy matters. It is about using persuasion, compromise, and collaboration to build a better society.

- ***Working for Good Government***

Public administration also is about democracy. Public administrators work not for just a few, but for the many. They believe that good government means that all citizens regardless of income, race, gender, creed, or physical ability are treated in a just, impartial and fair manner and that all share equitably in their community's resources. It also means managing efficiently and effectively and working with elected officials and others as trustees of public resources.

What is an MPA degree?

“The Master's in Public Administration (MPA) degree is

the professional degree for people who want to enter the public service at the management level. MPA graduates work in a wide variety of public service fields and choose to work in all levels of government, (federal, state, local, and regional governments), in nonprofit organizations and in the international arena, as well as the private sector. Coursework for MPA candidates typically includes a set of core courses and electives. Courses often include subject matter that cover such topics as human resources, budgeting and financial processes, information systems, policy and program formulation, implementation and evaluation, decision making and problem solving, nonprofit management, political and legal institutions and processes and organization and management concepts and behavior, and ethics.” (www.naspa.org) Also see www.icma.org.

Why The University of Kansas?

- The answer is simple: The University of Kansas has one of the oldest and most respected public administration programs in the country. This nationally respected program attracts faculty committed to the democratic process and to public service. They believe and teach that good government means equitable and efficient government. The alumni are committed to helping new graduates find their niche in public service. Mentoring and networking give the program an exceptional placement record. In an era of scepticism toward government, KU is still a graduate program modeled on public purpose, ethics and celebration of democracy.

Key Facts

- The University of Kansas has one of the oldest and most respected public administration programs in the country.
- KU's specialization in city management and urban policy is rated by U.S. News & World Report as #1 in the country. Overall, KU's public administration program is rated 14th in the nation, even though it is one of the smallest.
- A 1985 study by North Texas State University rated the alumni of the KU program (KUCIMATS) the strongest network in city management.
- A 1987 article published in *Administration and Society* ranked KU's public administration faculty seventh in research productivity nationally.
- Lawrence, Kansas (the location of KU) is a great place to live and go to school! It was rated number one in the nation for cultural activities and facilities by *1996 Rand McNally* among cities with populations of less than 100,000.