

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide higher levels of training and education for pre-service and in-service public managers, public policy analysts and public officials to address major public policy issues in a metropolitan scenario.

metro driven

With the campus situated only a few miles from downtown Houston and in the center of over 5 million people, 133 cities, 79 independent school districts, 727 municipal utility district, and hundreds of special districts, the University of Houston MPA Program is appropriately metropolitan driven. Its underlying theme is the complexity of multiple overlapping units of government, overarching everything that local governments and non-profits do in a metropolitan area. It focuses on issues of major interest to major metropolitan areas – i.e., managing in complex local governance environments and addressing such policy issues as health-care, environment, immigration, energy and transportation.

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UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



An ideal setting for a first-hand look at significant policy questions ... where students contribute to the debate and interact with the local decision-making process.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission to the MPA program at the University of Houston requires an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 (B) or better grade point average in the last 60 hours of course work. Successful applicants to the MPA program generally score in the range of 500 or better on the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

To apply, students should **submit** the following:

1. A statement of purpose for pursuing an MPA degree
2. Three letters of reference
3. Two copies of official transcripts from each university attended
4. A completed application form
 - a. Apply to our program through ApplyTexas.org
5. Official copy of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores*
 - a. Requesting your score: ETS GRE webpage
 - b. Exam Schedule: The University of Houston Testing Center

**The GRE score must be sent directly from Educational Testing Service to the University of Houston (UH Code for the GMAT/GRE is R6870)*

Application materials 1, 2 and 3 should be **mailed** to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Domestic Application (Texas Residents and non-residents)

- Fall: **June 15**
- Spring: **October 15**

GRADUATE TUITION & FEES

For complete information about current graduate tuition and fees, please visit the MPA website's admission page at <http://www.class.uh.edu/mpa/admissions.asp> and click on the links.

UH MPA CURRICULUM: 12 COURSES

ABOUT THE TWO STUDY TRACKS

The UH MPA program offers students a choice of two study tracks – administrative or policy – allowing students to take courses most beneficial to their career goals and community needs. The administrative track focuses more on the management side, and the policy track focuses more on policy evaluation and analysis. Both tracks require a total core curriculum of eight courses of which four are universal. The remaining four core courses are oriented to the study tracks. The required Capstone Problem Project is counted as one course. Three elective courses are required for an overall total of 12 courses or 38 hours for the administrative track and 39 hours for the policy track. The electives are tailored to the students' specialty needs. A full time student should be able to complete the coursework in two school years.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRACK:

UNIVERSAL CORE

38 hours

- Administrative Theory (PUBL 6311)
- Fundamentals of Policy Analysis (PUBL 6313)
- Public Finance (PUBL 6312)
- Quantitative Methods I (PUBL 6410)

ADMINISTRATIVE TRACK SPECIFIC

- Public administration and Policy Implementation (PUBL 6310)
- Budgeting for Public Agencies (PUBL 6342)
- Seminar in Urban Politics (PUBL 6321)
- Quantitative Management in Public Affairs (PUBL 6415)

CAPSTONE PROBLEM PROJECT (PUBL 6325) (REQUIRED COURSE FOR BOTH TRACKS)

This course represents the culmination of graduate work in the MPA program. This course permits the student to demonstrate mastery of the skills and knowledge acquired in their core and specialization courses. Each student is expected to formulate and analyze a real issue of public administration, organization, or policy; to examine alternative solutions or procedures; and to make independent and specific recommendations dealing with the issue. Students should submit project proposal to the Director prior to commencing his or her project, as projects are subject to approval by the Director.

INTERNSHIP

Determined in consultation with advisor. The internship requirement is designed for those who have not had a full time work experience in private, public, or non-profit sector.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM

Six elective credit hours will be given for new students graduating from the CPM Program.

POLICY TRACK:

UNIVERSAL CORE

39 hours

- Administrative Theory (PUBL 6311)
- Fundamentals of Policy Analysis (PUBL 6313)
- Public Finance (PUBL 6312)
- Quantitative Methods I (PUBL 6410)

POLICY TRACK SPECIFIC

- Quantitative Methods for Policy Research and Evaluation (PUBL 6316)
- American Institutions and Policy (PUBL 6320)
- Microeconomic Analysis (PUBL 6417)
- Quantitative Methods II (PUBL 6411)